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CMC CONNECTION

A Monthly News Service from the Division of Communications for Norfolk Civic Organizations

COME CELEBRATE OUR 20TH ANNUAL GRAND ILLUMINATION PARADE ON NOVEMBER 20

Residents and visitors are urged to come early and take advantage of the Early Bird Special \$1 parking at all downtown City garages (from 3 – 5 p.m.) as Norfolk kicks off its Holiday in the Cities celebration on November 20. Pre-parade festivities are planned, including an ornament making session at the MacArthur Memorial from 2 – 5 p.m., KinderVision at Dillards in MacArthur Center, the 5:30 p.m. departure of a cruise ship – an amazing sight as it pulls away from the Nauticus pier, and entertainment and vendors along the parade route.

At 7 p.m., the Grand Illumination of nearly 20 miles of skyline in Norfolk and Portsmouth kicks off the 20th Annual Grand Illumination Parade. This year's parade theme is *Real Retro*. Whether you want to put on your boogie shoes, dance the Lindy or get out your love beads, the interpretation is all up to you! Floats, bands, marchers and dance groups will provide the entertainment for thousands of parade watchers.

PARKING TIPS

Downtown Norfolk has plenty of parking and early birds (3-5p.m.) can avoid the traffic and save money if they park at any of the City-owned downtown garages between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. The Early Bird rate is \$1, compared with a \$4 or \$5 (depending on location) pay on entry fee after 5 p.m.

People coming from Norfolk and the Midtown Tunnel are urged to use Boush Street to enter downtown. People entering the city from I-264 can take any downtown exit and follow the “P” signs to parking. However, if you plan to arrive downtown after 6 p.m., the Brambleton exit may be less congested. Staff will be positioned at all garages to direct traffic to a nearby garage should one location fill up. The Norfolk Electric Transit (NET) will operate until crowds fill the parade route. The Parade is expected to last an hour at any given location and approximately 2 hours in total. Drivers will be able to exit garages as quickly as crowds clear from the parade route.

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ADMIRALS PLAY AT 4 P.M. ON NOVEMBER 20

Admirals fans will be reporting early to Scope Arena for a 4 p.m. game on Saturday, November 20. After the game, fans can enjoy downtown and the Grand Illumination Parade.

NAUTICUS GRAND ILLUMINATION

A Members'-only Dinner with Santa starts at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 20. Enjoy holiday refreshments, make & takes, picture taking with Santa, and face painting, and then enjoy the parade starting at 7 p.m. from Nauticus' front court. Fee.

BOTANICAL GARDEN OF LIGHTS STARTS NOVEMBER 25

Norfolk Botanical Garden's 10th Anniversary of Garden of Lights is back and more spectacular than ever! After the cancellation of Garden of Lights in 2003 due to damage sustained from Hurricane Isabel, the Garden is thrilled to once again host the most popular holiday light display in all of Hampton Roads. The 2.5-mile driving tour of over 500,000 twinkling lights is memorable entertainment for the whole family. Nightly November 25th – January 1st from 5:30 – 10 pm

CITY BUILDINGS CLOSED FOR VETERANS' DAY; TRASH PICKUP AS SCHEDULED

City Hall, all recreational facilities and libraries will be closed on November 11 in observation of Veterans' Day. The city's parking facilities are unattended, but available for use. There will be normal garbage collection on Veteran's Day, November 11; Thanksgiving Day, November 25; and November 26. All special request items placed outside the green container must be scheduled by 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 24 for collection to occur on November 25 and 26. On other days, all special collection requests must be scheduled no later than 3:00 p.m. the day before your regular collection day. Call 441-5813 to request a special collection or use the website www.norfolk.gov/publicworks/bulkywaste_form.asp to schedule a request on-line. The Waste Management Administrative office will be closed on November 25 and 26. Trash pickup will go on as scheduled. Special trash collections must be scheduled by 3 p.m. the day prior to your collection day.

NORFOLK'S BROAD CREEK WILL HOST HOMEARAMA 2005

Following a record 106,000 visitors to this year's Homearama at East Beach, the Tidewater Builders Association will showcase another Norfolk location for the 2005 Homearama – the city's new Broad Creek redevelopment community. Broad Creek, is an 87-acre community growing up a mile and a half from downtown Norfolk. Watch *Civic Connection* for more details.

NORFOLK REACHES ONE BILLION DOLLARS IN NEW RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION

During the past four and a half years, almost 3,000 new residential units have either been built, are under construction or have been approved for construction, according to Mayor Paul D. Fraim. This tops the \$1 billion dollar mark for residential development alone and does not reflect the significant investment in hospitality, tourism, retail, business and commercial developments.

This kind of unprecedented growth, Fraim said, was beyond the city's wildest dreams just 20 years ago. In addition, he said \$25 million has been invested in more than 1,000 residential additions, repairs and expansions.

Fraim said virtually every neighborhood in the city is being touched by the unprecedented growth in residential construction.

"From the banks of the historic Elizabeth River in downtown Norfolk to the sands of the Chesapeake Bay in Ocean View, investors and developers are transforming this old seaport town into a vibrant and exciting community."

Fraim said the construction of the new residential units reflects a genuine faith in the future economic prosperity of the city by prominent developers and investors from across Hampton Roads and the United States.

Mayor Fraim made the announcement during a ceremony to launch the construction of St. Paul's Place on Freemason Street. The plan calls for the construction of 90 condominiums on one of Norfolk's most historic thoroughfares. The prices of the condominiums will start at \$185,000.

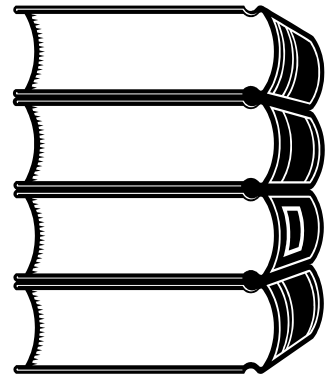
The developers of the project, Jack Pope and Jeff Wermers, said the project has been carefully designed to complement the historic integrity of Freemason Street. Two of the city's most historic homes, the Willoughby Baylor House and the Moses Myers House, are located at opposite ends of the street.

Mayor Fraim predicted that residential construction will continue in the city at a rapid pace.



“The city’s reputation as one of the finest communities in the country is spreading as more and more people discover the advantages of living in a dynamic urban community.”

A CENTURY OF FREE READS: Norfolk Public Library Celebrates 100 Years of Free Service with Grand Celebration and Open House



In 1904 Norfolk Public Library became the first and oldest free library in Virginia. Prior to 1904, residents had to pay a fee to use library service. This year the Library marks 100 years of free service on Sunday, November 21 with a 100th Anniversary Grand Celebration and Open House at Kirn Memorial Library from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Bring the entire family and enjoy live entertainment, food, give-a-ways, and more. Shake hands with Clifford the Big Red Dog and help us re-dedicate the Kirby Meeting Room. Guy Friddell, columnist for the *Virginian Pilot* will be the keynote speaker. Mark your calendar and join us for this special event. For more information, call 664-READ or visit our web site (www.npl.lib.va.us).

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

The new deadline for submission of applications for funding is Friday, December 10 at 5:00 p.m.

The City of Norfolk anticipates distributing federal resources through three programs. The programs include: the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)-Entitlement Funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (as amended), HOME Investment Partnership Fund- Entitlement Funds under the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 (as amended), and the Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG) Program under Title IV of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act of 1987 (as amended).

The City of Norfolk’s application is now available on the City of Norfolk’s website. To review and download the application and other material, please go to:

<http://www.norfolk.gov/Grant/>

An application workshop will be held on Monday, November 1, 2004, at 5 p.m., 5th Floor Conference Room, City Hall Building, Norfolk, Virginia. All applicants are invited to attend this workshop. Attendance is not mandatory for submitting an application. All residents of Norfolk are also invited to attend this application workshop to get a better

understanding of the program and funding opportunity for local, civic, non-profit, and faith based organizations.

Copies of application forms and information packets describing the Consolidated Plan Process, the three HUD programs, and the Community Development Application Work Shop can also be obtained by calling the Office of Grants Management at (757) 664-4080, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. weekdays, (TDD (757) 664-7322). Written comments may also be mailed to the Office of Grants Management, 810 Union Street, Room 502, City Hall Building, Norfolk, VA 23510. Comments will be accepted until December 10, 2004.

If special assistance for the handicapped is needed, please call the Office of Grants Management, (757) 664-4741, TDD (757) 664-7322 at least three working days in advance of the forum. The City of Norfolk does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, familial status, handicap, or national origin in admission, access to, treatment, or employment in its federally assisted programs or activities.

CHANNEL 46 TRAFFIC CAMERAS

When City Departments work together, good things happen. Public Works and Communications are putting Channel 46 to work for Norfolk cable subscribers featuring live video coverage of freeway traffic camera images beginning in mid-November. The City is working in partnership with Cox Cable and the Virginia Department of Transportation.

The live images will come from cameras situated at all 42 locales provided by VDOT. Viewers will see a 3-second image showing traffic flow in the following areas: from Indian River Road in Virginia Beach to the Hampton Roads Bridge-Tunnel; from the naval base at Interstate 564 to the Interstate 64-564 interchange and from Interstate 264 at Newtown Road to downtown Norfolk.

The format of Channel 46 will resemble the City's website layout and design and will provide information on road closures, road construction, traffic plans for special events and roadway incident information.

TRIAD SEEKS SENIORS INPUT ON SAFETY AND CONCERNS

Over the next few months, the Norfolk TRIAD will be sending out "Senior Safety & Concerns Surveys" to senior centers, senior clubs, senior groups at churches, and through our city's civic groups and civic leagues. TRIAD consists of a partnership of the Sheriff, Police, attorney general and senior groups working together to reduce the criminal victimization of older citizens and enhance the delivery of law enforcement services to this population.

The TRIAD will be looking to identify the biggest concerns of our city's seniors; what improvements the seniors would like to see take place; and, in what neighborhood each participant lives. We will not be asking for names or specific addresses. No identifying information will be asked for, or needed.

Here are a few examples of the types of information that will be contained on the survey: Which of the following are a major concern to you such as fear of burglary, fear of fraud or con artists, fear of robbery, fear of going out after dark, vandalism and other concerns. Also we will be asking what the senior participant would like to see improved such as better street lighting, better public transportation, expanded neighborhood watch programs, senior vans available after dark, etc. The survey will also ask in what neighborhood or subdivision the participant lives (no addresses), the gender of the participants, and the approximate age of the participant.

Working with the support of Old Dominion University's Center for Family Violence Education, and the Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, the TRIAD officers will analyze the data. The results will help the law enforcement agencies (Norfolk Sheriff's Office and Norfolk Police Department) improve the services that are currently offered to our city's elderly population.

One goal of the survey according to Norfolk Sheriff Robert McCabe, is to open up the lines of communication between the seniors and law enforcement. Safeguarding our citizens has been one of the biggest challenges that Sheriff McCabe has undertaken as his tenure as our city's sheriff. Together we are hoping to do just that, through partnerships, awareness, education, crime prevention, and services that are made available.

The idea for a TRIAD Senior Safety Survey followed a conference attended by the staff of the Norfolk Sheriff's Community Affairs Division. Discussions included "Crime Prevention for Seniors", "Elderly Abuse Training", "Law Enforcement and Alzheimer Patients", and much more. The question was raised on many occasions on just how law enforcement officers stayed abreast of the needs and concerns of each jurisdiction's elder population..

The Sheriff's Office, and the Norfolk TRIAD urge seniors to take part in the survey. We look forward to the challenge of keeping Norfolk "Crime Free". Starting with one citizen at a time we will work towards this worthwhile goal. For more information on the Norfolk TRIAD please call Deputy E.G. Rockefeller at 757-441-2927. Email TRIAD4NORVA@verizon.net, or, for further information, check www.norfolksheriffsoffice.com.

CITY COUNCIL PASSES RESOLUTION SUPPORTING RACIAL EQUALITY

WHEREAS, the City of Norfolk is committed to ensuring the full achievement of Racial equality and justice as a fundamental aspect of our community; and National League of

Cities is committed to promoting racial equality and justice as a fundamental aspect of a healthy community; and

WHEREAS, by act of Congress of the United States dated July 2, 1964, the Civil Rights Act of 1964 was adopted banning discrimination because of a person's color, race, national origin, religion, or sex; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the 50th anniversary of the Supreme Court's Brown versus the Board of Education decision and reminds us of the courage of the Norfolk 17 in their role as trailblazers for equality; and

WHEREAS, the City of Norfolk in its delivery of services and business operations does commit to fair and equitable practices and the promotion of a living environment to support every human being to reach his or her maximum potential; and

WHEREAS, the national League of Cities, the oldest and largest organization representing municipal governments, has invited local governments across the country to renew their commitment to ensuring racial equity and justice and eliminating the scourge of racism; and

NOW, THEREFORE, do I, Paul D. Fraim, Mayor of the City of Norfolk on behalf of the City Council do hereby declare the week of October 18-22, 2004 as Race Equity Week in the City of Norfolk and urge all citizens of Norfolk to join to support this effort to increase educational opportunities, promote homeownership opportunities and economic advancement for all residents;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Norfolk reaffirms our commitment to ensuring racial equity and justice in our City and to working with the National League of Cities to sustain this commitment throughout the country.

NOTE: For more information, see www.norfolk.gov

VIRGINIANS FEEL THEY ARE READY FOR NEXT DISASTER BUT ARE THEY?

The majority of Virginians feel they are prepared for an emergency that would require them to live without power or water service, according to a poll conducted for the Virginia Department of Emergency Management.

If there were an emergency right now, 78 percent said they could survive up to seven days without power or water service with the supplies they already have gathered

in their homes. In addition, 71 percent felt they know almost everything they need to know about preparing for such an emergency.

"Hurricane Isabel was a hard lesson for many," said Michael Cline, state coordinator for the Virginia Department of Emergency Management. "But it seems from this survey that people now realize how important it is to be prepared."

However, the poll found that 34 percent of Virginians do not prepare for disaster conditions unless severe weather is headed for their area.

"Terrorist attacks and earthquakes don't show up in weather forecasts," said Cline. "People need to prepare for unexpected emergencies as well."

The survey results also show that people may not be as prepared as they might think. Survey respondents indicated that they have basic items such as bottled water and canned food, and some had flashlights and batteries, but little else. Only a few Virginians indicated that they have other necessary items that should be in an emergency supply kit such as: a battery-powered radio, change of clothing, first aid kit and sanitation supplies like toilet paper and soap.

The questions were asked as part of the Commonwealth Poll. More than 800 residents took part in the survey, conducted by Virginia Commonwealth University's Center for Public Policy, between Aug. 24 and Sept. 2. The telephone survey has a margin of error of +/- four percent.

For information about how to more effectively prepare for an emergency, visit www.norfolk.gov

BOTTLING NORFOLK'S OWN DRINKING WATER HELPS PROMOTE ITS HIGH QUALITY

Norfolk is taking an innovative approach toward promoting the quality of its drinking water and soliciting customer feedback by placing water from our Moores Bridges Water Treatment Plant into bottles and passing it out at community events. Starting this weekend, Norfolk's first bottled water product—"Norfolk Pure"—will be distributed at community events including Homearama and the Virginia Wine Festival.

Norfolk Pure is not "spring water" wearing a customized label with Norfolk's name. As the label states, it is instead, "The same top quality Norfolk drinking water you love, bottled for your convenience." The Utilities Department worked with the Grand Springs bottling facility in Alton, Virginia to take its municipal drinking water and package it into half-liter plastic bottles. This effort produced 16,800 bottles of water for promotional distribution. Bottling, labeling, capping, and transporting the water costs approximately \$.50 per 16.9 ounce bottle.

This campaign is part of our effort to ensure that residents and customers have every confidence that Norfolk's water is of the highest quality.



Nationally, consumers are inundated with messages that foster widespread skepticism of tap water. Mass marketing from industries that manufacture in-home water filtration systems, water filtering faucets and containers, refrigerator filters, bottled “spring water,” and “designer” waters send messages that tap water is inferior. Yet, municipal drinking water adheres to some of the highest standards of any consumable.

The City does not intend to sell bottled water as a commercial enterprise; instead Norfolk Pure could replace traditional marketing materials such as ink pens and coffee mugs. Homearama visitors will get a real taste of life in Norfolk when they sample our drinking water. Utilities employees have volunteered to hand out bottles of Norfolk Pure to Homearama visitors. Norfolk water chemists, utilities crew members, customer service representatives, and others will have an opportunity to speak face-to-face with their customers about the quality of Norfolk water and to solicit customers’ feedback on the water’s taste, as well. Each passenger who boards the Homearama boat tour will receive a bottle as they pass under a banner reading “Cruise the Shore with Norfolk Pure.”

The Norfolk Pure campaign allows us to represent our water as not just tap water, but also a healthy drinking water of choice. This Tuesday, Norfolk Pure bottled water will be served at Council’s lunch meeting.

The Department of Utilities is looking for other opportunities to interact with residents as they sample *Norfolk Pure*. *Norfolk Pure* bottled water is currently available for community events across the City. To request distribution at your civic event, please contact the Department of Utilities, and speak with Melanie Pesola at 664-6758.

BRIGHTEN THE HOLIDAY SEASON FOR A NORFOLK FOSTER CHILD

The holiday season is a time of great excitement and anticipation for children of all ages. Norfolk’s foster children are no exception. With approximately 380 children, infants to teens, in foster care, the Norfolk Department of Human Services is seeking your help to make their holiday memorable.

Every year, the Norfolk Department of Human Services Holidays for Foster Children Project helps to brighten the hearts of every child and also conveys that he or she is part of a caring community. Because public funds are not available for this holiday project, the City of Norfolk relies on the generosity of individuals, businesses, and organizations to achieve this goal. Gifts, gift certificates and monetary donations are accepted.

Call 664-6016 for more information on how you can help make the holidays extra special for a Norfolk foster child.

HEATING ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS DUE NOVEMBER 12

Applications for Fuel Assistance will be accepted through November 12. The Fuel Assistance Program assists low-income families with their heating needs. Per household, Fuel Assistance can help pay for the following:

- Electric bills
- Gas security deposits
- Electric security deposits
- Oil and Kerosene

Applications are limited to one member per household and require a valid signature. At least one member of the household must be under the age of 6 or 60 years and over. For more information on the Fuel Assistance Program and income eligibility requirements call **664-7551** or pick up an application at any Norfolk Department of Human Services location.

UPDATE ON NEIGHBORHOOD PLANS

The City Council this past summer received updates on all four neighborhood plans. Since that discussion, the Council has approved the Fairmount Park Neighborhood Plan. Over the next six weeks it is our intention to bring back the other three plans for Council's consideration.

We will follow the same procedure for review and adoption of the three neighborhood plans that was used for the Fairmount Park. The sequence of events is as follows:

- Review the proposed neighborhood plan by the YEN Committee;
- Forward the proposed plan to the City's Planning Commission for their review and recommendations;
- Present the plan at an Informal Session of Council for discussion;
- Conduct a public hearing of the proposed neighborhood plan; and
- Adopt the plan in final form (City Council meeting).

A brief update of the Broad Creek, Southside and Wards Corner neighborhood plans is listed below:

Broad Creek Neighborhood Plan: Tuesday, October 26th, the Council toured the Broad Creek area for an upcoming informal Session's discussion of the Broad Creek Neighborhood Plan. The Broad Creek Plan went to the YEN Committee in September.

The proposed plan was also reviewed by the Planning Commission at its November meeting, where unanimous approval was recommended.

Southside Neighborhood Plan: City Council has reviewed the proposed Southside Neighborhood Plan. At its September meeting, the Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval of the proposed plan.

Wards Corner Neighborhood Plan: During the month of November, Council will tour of the former Jewish Community Center property. The proposed neighborhood plan is tentatively scheduled to go to the Planning Commission on November 18. A Council discussion will be scheduled after Planning Commission review.

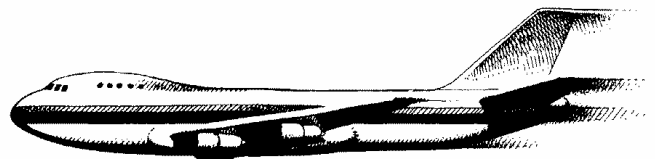
REVIEW OF NORFOLK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT'S ANNUAL REPORT

City Council recently received the Norfolk International Airport's (ORF) annual report for fiscal year 2004. The report described some of the challenges facing ORF and un-audited results of operations for that year. The report discussed how the airline industry over the past 36 months experienced dramatic changes. Some of these changes include greatly enhanced security requirements and the restructuring of some major airlines, including the bankruptcies of United and US Airways. In addition, economic pressures, the war in Iraq and the threat of terrorism all affected passenger travel habits.

In calendar year 2003, ORF handled 3,463,391 scheduled airline passengers, a decrease of 0.8 percent over calendar year 2002. Despite this decrease, this passenger volume still represents the second highest recorded growth in the airport's history. On a fiscal year basis, passenger volume increased by 3.76 percent for the fiscal year 2004.

The deep and diverse economy of the Hampton Roads region contributes to the overall stability of ORF and its financial operations remain sound. ORF continues to maintain a relatively diverse carrier base. Operating revenues continue to be varied and for the 2004 year exceeded budgetary projections and the prior fiscal year actual revenues by \$2.64 million. Operating expenses were less than budgetary projections but exceeded prior year expenses by \$862,000.

Work continues on the Environmental Impact Statement for ORF's largest capital improvement project – a proposed parallel runway. The project is anticipated to cost approximately \$150 million. Also, the ORF was advised by the FAA that its increase in passenger activity over the past several years will cause a potential reduction in federal funding from a 90 percent to 75 percent funding ratio. The ORF will be challenged to identify funding sources for the potential loss in federal funds.



Put Extra Cash in Your Pocket with EITC. Low to moderate income families are encouraged to apply for the *Earned Income Tax Credit* during the next filing season. The EITC remains the single largest federal aid program for working families. This fully refundable tax credit is designed to:

- Increase financial stability
- Reduce tax liability
- Supplement wages

The potential economic impact of increased EITC participation is impressive: in 2002, an estimated \$5 *million* went unclaimed in Norfolk because citizens who were eligible did not file for the tax credit. And this year, according to the IRS, approximately five thousand potential new EITC recipients reside in Norfolk, for a total of more than \$9 *million* in EITC refunds. The average EITC refund for a Norfolk resident is \$1800.

This year, the Department of Human Services has joined with public service agencies, non-profits and businesses throughout Southside Hampton Roads to form the region's first EITC Coalition. The coalition's long term goals include:

- reaching more eligible taxpayers
- recruiting volunteers to provide free tax filing assistance
- encouraging businesses to help educate employees on the benefits of EITC
- establishing more Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Sites
- using EITC as a gateway to affordable and accessible financial services

For more information on the EITC or how you or your organization can join in the new Southside Hampton Roads EITC Coalition, please contact Jan Callaghan, Public Information and Education at 664-6020 jan.callaghan@norfolk.gov or Patsy Carroll, IRS Senior Tax Specialist, at 213-3959 patsy.carroll@irs.gov

CHURCH STREET COMEBACK CONTINUES

The renaissance of historic Church Street accelerated with the recent demolition of two warehouses that were attached to a brewery that opened in 1895. Four other structures were targeted for demolition as part of the Church Street Revitalization Project.

The warehouses were part of the Consumer Brewing Company, which opened at the intersection of Church Street, Washington Street and Lexington Street 110 years ago. The Southern Brewing Company purchased the facility in 1936 – the first brewery to open in Virginia following the repeal of prohibition. Norfolk's Champale Products

operated the brewery from 1953 until 1980 when it stopped production. Most of the brewery's buildings were razed in the mid 1980s.

Following the demolition of the six structures, between 20 and 25 single family homes and condominiums will be built on the three acre site.

The rebirth of Church Street, once described as "the Harlem of the South", moved a step closer to reality in October when the historic Attucks Theater reopened after a more than 40-year intermission.

The Church Street Plan calls for a combination of commercial, retail and residential developments. During the last year, for example, 31 new single family homes were constructed. All but one has already been purchased.

A 5-acre office park will be developed at the intersection of Church Street and 18th Street. The \$5 million project will include seven office buildings for small to mid-sized businesses. In addition, three other prominent companies have relocated to the Church Street commercial corridor.

Vice Mayor Daun Hester, who is the chairperson of the Church Street/Huntersville Redevelopment Committee, said the city's investment in the community is beginning to pay huge dividends. "A new day is dawning on Church Street and it's a glorious day," Hester said.

NEW MERMAIDS ON PARADE "HARVEST" HOUSE FLAG

The Harvest flag captures the beauty of the season with rich colors purple, sunflower, pumpkin and crimson. These limited edition flags are 28" x 40" and are on sale for \$24.99. To purchase, customers can visit websites: www.homespunart.com or www.mermaidsonparade.com. For more information contact HomeSpun Art 496-4805.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

The Huntersville Community Center, at 830 Goff Street, 664-7434, will host a Community Thanksgiving Dinner, on Wednesday, November 17, 2004. The event starts at 7:00 p.m. The partnership with the Huntersville Multipurpose Center, the Union United Church of Christ, Fletchers Lodge #26, Faith Lodge, the Huntersville Advisory Board and the Dandridge Group will enable the event to feed 200 people. The Guest Speaker for the program will be Councilman Paul Riddick. There will also be entertainment. The Event is FREE and open to the public.



CITY UPDATES

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS

Represented the Commonwealth at the Florida Governors' Hurricane conference – The City's procedures in response to Hurricane Isabel were recognized as some of the best in Virginia. The lessons learned from Hurricane Isabel will allow the City to better prepare for future disasters.

Successfully competed for and received Homeland Security (HLS) Grant funding - From FY04 to present the City was awarded over \$2 million in HLS funding to support the Emergency Operations Center and first responders.

Partnered with Dominion Power to Identify Norfolk's critical infrastructure - Critical facilities have been identified and a power restoration plan is in place. In addition a web-based power outage program was developed which allows users (Emergency Operations Center, Public Works, Utility Department, etc.) the ability to view the status of electrical power throughout the City.

FIRE AND RESCUE

Terrorism Preparedness. The City has obtained federal grants to purchase weapons of mass destruction detection and monitoring equipment and mass decontamination and structural collapse equipment. Established specialty assignments for specific fire stations and began providing advanced training for the personnel assigned to those stations in the areas of hazardous materials and technical rescue.

Norfolk Fire-Rescue Members Respond to Florida and Alabama to Assist With Hurricane Recovery. Members of Norfolk Fire-Rescue (NFR) responded to Florida with two Federal Emergency Management Agency teams to assist in the recovery efforts following Hurricanes Frances and Ivan.

Eight NFR members deployed with Urban Search and Rescue, Virginia Task Force 2 (Urban Search and Rescue Team) to Jacksonville, Florida on September 2nd. Although they did not assist in the initial recovery efforts of Charlie, while in Jacksonville they conducted training and provided logistical help. On September 16th the team was ordered to Montgomery, Alabama to prepare for Hurricane Ivan. After Ivan made landfall on the coast the team was sent to Gulf Shores and Orange Beach, Alabama to conduct a house to house search looking for survivors. The team returned to Tidewater on Sunday, September 19. NFR members who responded with Virginia Task Force 2 and their duties were:

Capt. Todd Cannon	Squad Leader
Lt. Miller Mears	Squad Leader
Lt. Larry Phillips	Medical Specialist
FF/PM Jason Thurston	Communications Specialist
Capt. Frank Signorelli	Rescue Specialist
Capt. William Sigafoos	Rescue Specialist
FF/PM John Harrington	Hazardous Materials Specialist
FF/PM Mike Talley	Medical Specialist

Six Norfolk Fire-Rescue members deployed with Virginia 1 DMAT (Disaster Medical Assistance Team) members to Florida to assist with disaster medical needs due to the effects of Charlie, Frances, Ivan and Jeanne.

They were assigned to various missions throughout their deployments. Some went to staff MASH-type field hospitals, some went to augment staff at local hospitals whose staffing became inadequate due to the increased patient load, and some went to staff field clinics. Norfolk Fire-Rescue members deployed on a staggered basis beginning September 17 and by October 1, all were back home. One of our members was sent with a small medical team to just south of Fort St. Lucie to a hospital where 98 patients were moved to the basement that was serving as a shelter. The shelter weathered the full brunt of Jeanne's 125 winds. When the hospital lost power, NFR's team braved the battering winds and rain near midnight to get the hospital's emergency generator up and running. Additionally, the team assisted with the medical needs of many evacuated senior citizens in the Florida panhandle region. NFR members who responded with Virginia 1 DMAT (Disaster Medical Assistance Team) were:

Capt. Sam Dahl
FF/PM Andy Asbell
FF/PM Lawrence Brown
FF/PM Steve Connally
FF/PM Royce Munker
FF/PM Phillip Thompson

HUMAN SERVICES

Now Playing on Your Local Government Channel- The Department of Human Services presents *Human Services Forum*, a new half-hour informational series on Norfolk Neighborhood Network TV 48. Beginning October 14th, host Jan Callaghan explores the

topic of Quality Childcare: resources for Norfolk residents and our military population. For specific show times please visit www.norfolk.gov/tv48. *Human Services Forum* offers a fresh and in-depth look into the social issues affecting our community, such as:

- CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT
- CHILDCARE RESOURCES AND SAFETY
- ELDER ABUSE AND EXPLOITATION
- FOSTER CARE AND ADOPTION
- PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES
- WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
- HOMELESSNESS

Child Care Program. The Norfolk Department of Human Services' Child Care Program aids eligible families in the arrangement and/or purchase of childcare for their children. The program helps promote; parental choice and consumer education, activities to enhance health and safety standards established by the state, and activities to increase and enhance childcare and early childhood development. To determine eligibility for Child Care:

1. Apply at any of the five Norfolk Department of Human Services locations.
www.norfolk.gov/humanservices
2. Call the Childcare information line at 664-6175.
3. Go online at www.norfolk.gov/humanservices/prescreening. Our ACCESS program allows you to determine your potential eligibility for childcare or assistance programs with the click of the mouse.

Foster/Adoptive Parent Training Classes: January 13, 2005. The Norfolk Department of Human Services stresses the continuing need for Foster and Adoptive families to provide children in crisis with a warm, stable, and loving home. Our curriculum for pre-service foster parent training incorporates both foster and adoptive instruction, so that all parents receive dual certification. The state-mandated P.R.I.D.E. (Parent Resources for Information, Development, & Education) training program is a model of practices, geared toward five competencies:

- Protecting and nurturing children
- Meeting children's developmental needs and addressing development delays
- Supporting relationships between children and their families
- Helping children to develop safe and nurturing relationships intended to last a lifetime

- Working as a member of a professional team

If you have ever considered becoming a foster parent or adopting a child, please call Nancy Brock with HomeFinders at 757-664-6079. Right now, children are waiting for a place they can call home. Foster and adoptive parent training classes take place at the Norfolk Department of Human Services, 220 W. Brambleton Ave. Additional information about foster and adoptive parenting can be viewed online at:

www.norfolk.gov/humanservices/fostercare.asp

Put Extra Cash in Your Pocket with EITC. Low to moderate income families are encouraged to apply for the *Earned Income Tax Credit* during the next filing season. The EITC remains the single largest federal aid program for working families. This fully refundable tax credit is designed to:

- Increase financial stability
- Reduce tax liability
- Supplement wages

The potential economic impact of increased EITC participation is impressive: in 2002, an estimated \$5 *million* went unclaimed in Norfolk because citizens who were eligible did not file for the tax credit. And this year, according to the IRS, approximately five thousand potential new EITC recipients reside in Norfolk, for a total of more than \$9 million in EITC refunds. The average EITC refund for a Norfolk resident is \$1800.

This year, the Department of Human Services has joined with public service agencies, non-profits and businesses throughout Southside Hampton Roads to form the region's first EITC Coalition. The coalition's long term goals include:

- reaching more eligible taxpayers
- recruiting volunteers to provide free tax filing assistance
- encouraging businesses to help educate employees on the benefits of EITC
- establishing more Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Sites
- using EITC as a gateway to affordable and accessible financial services

For more information on the EITC or how you or your organization can join in the new Southside Hampton Roads EITC Coalition, please contact Jan Callaghan, Public Information and Education at 664-6020 jan.callaghan@norfolk.gov or Patsy Carroll, IRS Senior Tax Specialist, at 213-3959 patsy.carroll@irs.gov

Speakers and Presentations. The Department of Human Services offers free presentations to groups and organizations about its many programs and services:

- Adult Protective Services
- Adult Services/The Center for Aging
- Child Care
- Child Protective Services
- Foster Care and Adoption
- Juvenile Detention
- Public Assistance Programs

Presentations can be tailored to your organization's needs and may include a 12-minute video overview of the agency's role in the community, citizens' resource information and brochures on a variety of topics. Contact Jan Callaghan, Program Manager for Public Information and Education at 664-6020 jan.callaghan@norfolk.gov to schedule a speaker for your next event or meeting

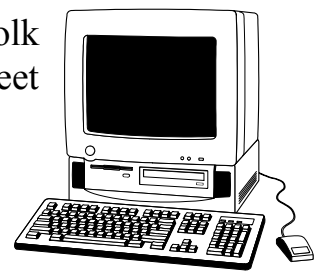
A New Resource for the Disabled and their Caregivers. The Norfolk Commission for Persons with Disabilities is offering brochures to citizens or organizations in need of new and updated resource information. The Commission's goal is to increase awareness of disability issues, develop laws affecting disabled citizens, ensure that all facilities are accessible to citizens with disabilities, promote employment opportunities, and assist with public transportation.

The Commission meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Norfolk Senior Center, 924 W. 21st St. Meetings are open to the public. For more information or to order brochures, contact the Norfolk Commission for Persons with Disabilities at 625-5857 or the Norfolk Department of Human Services, Public Information and Education at 664-6020.

Combating Domestic Violence. Get valuable information to those at risk of, or victimized by, domestic violence. The Department of Human Services has produced Domestic Violence Safety Cards – miniature brochures with valuable information on who to call in an emergency, where to go for confidential counseling, and how to create a safety plan.

Local businesses and organizations are encouraged to provide these safety cards to customers and/or employees in foyers, informational displays or in discreet locations such as restrooms. Domestic Violence Safety Cards and display holders are available by contacting Jan Callaghan, Program Manager for Public Information and Education, at 664-6020. jan.callaghan@norfolk.gov

ACCESS- Online Prescreening for Public Assistance. The Norfolk Department of Human Services offers an easy, convenient, and discreet



way for Norfolk citizens to determine whether they may qualify for public assistance benefits, The online program – called ACCESS – allows individuals to anonymously screen themselves for a variety of federal, state and local assistance programs based on their family size and income.

ACCESS is available on the City of Norfolk website at www.norfolk.gov/humanservices/prescreening. All 12 of the Norfolk Public Library's branch locations offer free public Internet access and librarians are available to assist citizens in navigating the site. Informational brochures are available to local agencies, centers, churches and civic organizations at no cost. Please contact Jan Callaghan, Programs Manager for Public Information and Education, at 757-664-6020 for more information.

LIBRARIES

Early Childhood Literacy Initiative & Special Programs Prepare our Youngest Residents for School and Reading. The Library will offer residents an array of new Early Literacy programs. These programs will prepare children for reading and school as well as help parents become their child's first teacher. This fall the Library opened its first Family Place center for early childhood information, parent education, socialization and family support. This center will offer interactive play zones, parent-child workshops, and a collection of books, videos, and other materials for parents, including:

The **1-2-3, Grow with Me: Parent-Child Workshop** is a key component of Family Place. This workshop is a five-week program for children ages 1-3 years old and their families. The series brings toddlers and their parents together in an informal, interactive setting. The meeting area is set up like a playroom featuring developmentally appropriate toys, books, and art activities. There are no podiums or speakers. Knowledgeable, resource professionals will circulate and talk to parents one on one about their needs and concerns. The next workshop will be held in 2005 at Kirn Memorial Library on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. on the following dates: **Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29 & Feb. 5**. It will cover the following topics: Nutrition; Child Development and Play; Speech; Language and Reading; as well as Physical Fitness and Movement. Seating is limited so residents must call 664-7323 ext. 43747 to register.

In addition to Family Place, the library will offer the following programs:

Babygarten @ Larchmont: is a program series that follows a specific curriculum for babies ages 1 month -24 months and their parents. Our youngest patrons will gain the skills they need to be a good learner. Each week, participants will do

action rhymes, movement, and a craft activity. There is also shared reading. The curriculum is broken into four segments, centered around the seasons of the year.

Reading Rockets: Lafayette and Van Wyck will conduct this five part mini-training series for parents. Developed by a PBS station in Washington, D.C., this program features brief video clips of the Reading Rockets programs, discussion with parents, handouts and more. It focuses on the roots of reading, selecting books, reading aloud, and understanding on how to interact with children around books.

Every Child Ready to Read: Geared for parents of youngsters in three age groups, Pre-Talkers, Talkers and Pre-Readers, this 90 minute program developed by the Library Association features video clips, dialogue, book tips and handouts. Kirn Memorial Library, Blyden Branch Library and Little Creek Branch Library will offer this program.

Motheread: In September Barron F. Black Homework Center began conducting the Motheread for students at Coronado School. Motheread utilizes children's books and adult poems as the basis of instruction for low-literacy parents. It encourages parents to read by teaching them how to understand literature in the context of their own lives. It helps parents improve their reading skills, helps children become better readers, improves family communication and contributes to family empowerment. It is a nationally-recognized, award-winning program. This program also helps to build home libraries, as the books shared are not circulating copies; each person receives a paperback book each week.

NPL Employees Will Learn to Train Others in Strategic Planning. The Public Library Association (P.L.A.) selected two Norfolk Public Library employees for their Train the Trainer Program for Strategic Planning. Mickey Ann Garcia, Support Services Administrator, and Barbara Weedman, Management Analyst III, were selected in a competitive process to attend this special training in New Orleans. Garcia and Weedman were the only candidates selected from Virginia. Once trained, they will teach strategic planning techniques to other libraries across the country. The training will be held in October and P.L.A. will cover the entire expense.

Designs For The New Mary D Pretlow Branch Anchor Library Unveiled. Norfolk Public Library and the City of Norfolk recently unveiled renderings and floor designs for the new Mary D. Pretlow Anchor Branch Library. Construction for this new 30,000 square foot library will begin in the fall of 2005. The new building will open in April of

2007 at the branch's current location on Granby Street. The new Pretlow Branch Anchor Library will feature:

- 2 outdoor gardens
- seating for 80 people,
- 100 public computers
- 2000 square foot teen library and activity center
- 10,000 square foot children's library and early childhood learning center.
- a computer center
- 3 group study rooms
- a snack area,
- a public program and community meeting area featuring 100 seats
- video conferencing.
- Ocean View Station Museum office and displays

The Library will feature two distinct area for Norfolk's youth. The teen library and activity center, which will be known as the Teen Zone, will be a special area just for teens. It will feature 20 computers, a big screen television, and a music listening center. "I can't wait to use this center," says one excited teen patron. "I will travel across town to go there," he continues

The 10,000 square foot children's library and early childhood learning center will be located on the second floor. This children's area will be unlike any other children's library in Norfolk. It will have 20 children computers, a baby toddler playscape, and developmentally appropriate toys and activities for kids from birth through 10 years-old. It will also offer a large programming room for children.

"We are building a library that will meet the needs of Norfolk residents today and tomorrow. This new design increases the space designated for the children's area providing the tools needed for the library to help parents prepare their children to enter school ready to read," says Norman Maas, the Director of Norfolk Public Library. Building the new Pretlow Branch Library is the first step in fulfilling the goals and objectives of a 1998 study prepared by Providence Associates. This study called for the development of four new anchor branches and a new downtown Central Library to meet the needs of residents and improve Norfolk Public Library's service.

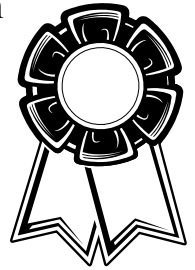
The lead architect, Ed Lazaron, from Design Collaborative, Chris Smith from the City of Norfolk Public Works Department, and Ray Jennings of Ray Jennings of Ray Jennings Interior Design have worked on this project for 3 years. These three gentlemen along with Hanbury Evans Wright Vlattas and Company, and Siska/Aurand Landscape Architects worked together to develop these plans based on information gathered from the public, city officials, and library staff.

Pretlow Branch Library will relocate to a temporary location in April 2005. The temporary library will be located at 120 Balview Avenue. "This location will allow us to provide full service during the construction period," says Yvonne Bradley-Hilliard, Public Services Administrator for Norfolk Public Library. The temporary site offers space for a meeting room and plenty of parking. Operating hours, programming, and computer availability will remain the same. Library service for Ocean View residents will be interrupted for only 2 weeks during the transition from the current location to the temporary building.

As the library celebrates 100 years of free service, the staff is excited about unveiling their plans for the new library and the future. Prior to 1904 patrons using libraries in Norfolk had to pay a fee. In 1904 Norfolk Public Library opened a free library on Freemason Street making NPL the first and oldest free library in Virginia. This year NPL celebrates 100 years of free service with special programs. For a listing of these programs and to view the Mary D. Pretlow Anchor Branch Library's renderings and floor plans visit Norfolk Public Library's web site, www.npl.lib.va.us.

NEIGHBORHOOD AND LEISURE SERVICES

Design Award for Titustown. The Titustown Recreation and Visual Arts Center received the "Best New Facility Award" for cities with populations greater than 150,000 at this year's Virginia Recreation and Park Society (VRPS) annual conference. The conference, which was held in Alexandria, Virginia from September 25th to September 28, was attended by several staff members from the Department of Neighborhood and Leisure Services.



The new 22,455 square foot facility was applauded for its design, especially the visual arts center. A key component of the award is the ability of the facility to serve a wide variety of community needs. Titustown since its opening has shown the ability to successfully meet the needs of youths, teens, adults and senior adults.

Successful Statewide Neighborhood Conference held in Blacksburg, Virginia. The 5th Statewide Neighborhood Conference held in Blacksburg, Virginia on October 8-9, 2004 was a great success. The conference theme was "Building Strong Neighborhoods Block by Block". Neighborhood Services Division played a vital role in the coordination of this year's conference and also serving as facilitators in several workshop presentations.

Workshops at the conference included:

- Nuts and Bolts of Neighborhood Youth Involvement
- Substance Abuse in Neighborhoods
- Sustaining Neighborhood Organizations Between Crisis
- Neighborhood Blight Elimination through Code Compliance

- Your Neighborhood: Today, Tomorrow, and Beyond (this workshop outlining the importance and process of developing neighborhood plans and was conducted by Neighborhood Services Division staff)
- A variety of mobile workshops were also included

The City of Norfolk swept all award categories and Dr. La Verne Parker Diggs delivered the keynote address for the Virginia Statewide Neighborhood Awards Luncheon on Saturday, October 9, 2004. Norfolk will be the host of the 2005 Virginia Statewide Neighborhood Conference. Award recipients included:

➤ ***State Neighborhood of the Year – Five Points Partnership, Inc. (for the Five Points Community Farm Market)***

This community effort has resulted in a successful community market that has provided volunteer opportunities (over 4,500 hours), economic development (2 new businesses have located in the district), access to fresh foods for seniors and WIC recipients, and a community gathering place symbolizing the pride and accomplishment of the neighborhood.

➤ ***Honorable Mention – Roland Park Civic League***

This group of almost 500 homes has worked to establish a scholarship program that has awarded over a dozen \$500 scholarships to neighborhood children. They have also developed a successful effort in the Norfolk Adopt-A-Spot program, taking over the Tidewater overpass area for the past four years.

****Also Nominated from Norfolk for this category: Huntersville Coalition***

This group formed in 2002 as a partnership of the Huntersville Neighborhood Service Center, a local Church of Christ, Huntersquare Mid-rise, the civic league and Lexington Park Apartments, works to mobilize citizens and neighborhood groups to solve community problems.

➤ ***State Neighborhood Advocate of the Year -- Sandra D. Williams, Villa Heights Civic League***

Sandra Williams is known as the "Angel" of the Villa Heights neighborhood, for her extensive community involvement in that area. As a result of her tireless efforts and community service in the Villa Heights community, she was awarded this award.

****Also Nominated from Norfolk for this category:***

- Jack Clark for his work on the Pagoda Park plants & flowers
- Juanita Basinger, Mary Sakakini, and Bernard Singleton for their individual volunteer service at the Ocean View Senior Center

➤ ***State Neighborhood Youth Effort of the Year – Tidewater Regional Youth Alcohol/Drug Abuse Prevention Project Conference***

Tidewater Regional YADAPP (Youth Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Project) 11th Annual Conference was held on Saturday, March 20, 2004. This conference not only focused on preparing youth for leadership roles in their lives but reinforced the message that not using drugs/alcohol is the lifestyle to emulate. Regional YADAPP is an offshoot of Statewide YADAPP, a weeklong program at Longwood University. Tidewater Regional YADAPP is an annual conference that allows students to recapture their enthusiasm and commitments to drug/alcohol free life-styles as well as an opportunity for groups to attend that may not have the opportunity to attend the summer conference.

Eighteen different school groups from throughout the Southeastern Region of Virginia participated in this conference, including Commonwealth Challenge. A total of 276 persons participated in this conference. (This number includes 28 returning attendees who served as the conference's Junior Staff and Youth Leaders.) Students and adults had the opportunity to attend various workshops throughout the day as well as participate in general sessions. (Keynote Speaker and Multimedia Presentation)

2003 Virginia Statewide Neighborhood Award Winners

Since last year's conference was canceled due to Hurricane Isabel, winners from 2003 were also recognized during at the luncheon ceremony on Friday, October 8th in Blacksburg, Virginia. Award winners were:

➤ ***State Neighborhood Advocate of the Year – James Janata***

This gentleman was nominated for his extensive involvement in the improvement of East Ocean View through active participation on code committees, planning committees and numerous organizations that have benefited not only the residents of Ocean View, but all of Norfolk and the State of Virginia. He has been a force in getting Norfolk and state codes changed and seeing to it that services and programs were implemented for the benefit of residents. He is described as a "Neighborhood Advocate Extraordinaire" and endorsed by various branches of the Norfolk city government.

➤ ***State Neighborhood Youth Effort of the Year – John Norfleet***

This gentleman is an outstanding youth leader in the community who currently volunteers for our Youth Development Services Division providing hours of devoted service to various program initiatives sponsored throughout the year.

Special thanks are extended to all civic league and community leaders for their support and attendance at the Statewide Neighborhood Conference. The partnership efforts of Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority (NRHA), Empowerment 2010, Division of Neighborhood Services and the great citizens of Norfolk that worked tirelessly to make Norfolk neighborhoods a leader among neighborhoods in the State of Virginia.

Neighborhood Service Centers

- **Park Place Neighborhood Center is sponsoring a special community project to benefit women living in the Battered Women's Shelter.** Division staff is currently collecting goods for the ***"Care to Share Community Project"***. A variety of products are being collected such as soap, shampoo and conditioner, body gel, skin care products, lotion, shower caps, toothpaste, tissues, sewing kits, cosmetics, perfume (perfume samples) and similar toilet articles are suggested. Please forward your donated items by November 30, 2004 to Barbara K. Lewis, Park Place Neighborhood Service Center, 606 West 29th Street, Norfolk, Virginia 23508. If you would like more information on this project or how you can donate items not listed above, call 664-7500.

The Park Place NSC is also partnering with the Park Place Library in providing program space for additional literacy programs in the community. Special efforts are being made to highlight book resources and computer classes available at the library for residents of all ages. Increased usage of the library has been observed as a result of special programs. For more information, call 664-7500.

Neighborhood University

Neighborhood University's Fundamentals of Neighborhood Leadership course was recently completed with a graduation ceremony at City Hall for participants. For more information on course offerings, call 441-2400 or visit the Division of Neighborhood Services' web site: www.norfolk.gov/neighborhoods/services/university.asp.

Results of Good Neighbor Week Campaign

Numerous Norfolk civic league groups took advantage of the *free* Good Neighbor Block Party Kits provided by the Division of Neighborhood Services for civic program

activities during the Good Neighbor Week Campaign (October 3-9). Good Neighbor Week events included:

- *Civic League Thank You Day.* The Division of Neighborhood Services provided FREE Good Neighbor Block Party Kits to registered Norfolk civic leagues hosting planned neighborhood events. Block Party Kits included complimentary picnic supplies such as plastic cups, napkins, plates, cutlery, plastic tablecloth and garbage bags.
- ◆ *Youth Adopt A Senior Day*
Youth spent time with or did something to serve senior citizens in their neighborhood.
- ◆ *Include Your Neighbor Day*
New neighbors were welcomed in civic league groups throughout the city. Civic leagues continue to register with the Division and update officer membership listing. In support of registering information with us, civic league groups may request a FREE civic league meeting sign announcing community meetings.
- ◆ *Improve Your Neighborhood Day*
Residents dedicated time to neighborhood lawn care, planted flowers, pick-up litter, etc. in the community in observance of “Improve Your Neighborhood Day” activity. Randomly selected winners will soon be announced to receive “Neighborhood Improvement Baskets” for efforts.

Parks and Forestry

Parks and Forestry Begins Winter Seeding of City Medians. The Department of Neighborhood and Leisure Services Division of Parks and Forestry began “over” seeding of the City’s major gateway medians with annual rye grass this week. Over seeding activities are undertaken to provide greenery along the medians during the winter months. In preparation for the turf changeover, staff is preparing the following medians for seeding activities: Brambleton Avenue, Campostella Road, Chesapeake Boulevard, Church Street, Cromwell Road, Granby Street, Hampton Boulevard, Military Highway, Norview Avenue, Tidewater Drive, and Virginia Beach Boulevard.

Once the parkways are over seeded, staff will not mow the parkways again until the rye grass seeds germinate. This phase of the process may take two (2) to three (3) weeks, depending on rainfall. Typically, while this process is occurring, the Bermuda grass and weeds continue to grow, which may result in an unsightly appearance of the medians. Once the rye grass begins to grow, the City will resume mowing operations.

Landscape Renovations Welcome Homearama Visitors. Street beautification and landscape renovations in the Shore Drive/East Ocean View corridor greeted visitors to Homearama which began Friday, October 8th. The landscape plantings efforts utilized

the \$22,000 funding provided by the City's Homearama CIP budget and the Sheriff's Department Work Release personnel who worked along the curb and sidewalks from the city's border on Shore Drive to 13th View on East Ocean View Avenue and from Camellia Drive to Shore Drive on East Little Creek Road. These resources allowed this project to be undertaken in a single year without impacting other landscape projects throughout the City that are funded from the division operating budget.

Attucks Theatre Landscaping. The temporary landscaping that was installed for the Attucks Theatre's grand opening events is scheduled for removal by City staff beginning Monday, October 25th. The shrubs and trees will be incorporated into other landscape projects throughout the City. In addition, staff will remove the Bermuda sod and where appropriate will use it to replace damaged sod at Town Point Park and other sites throughout the City.

The NRHA's site contractor will return to work later in the week of October 25th to begin installing the sidewalks, constructing the new bus shelter along Virginia Beach Boulevard, constructing the parking lot, constructing the ornamental fencing around the site, and installing site lighting. Please note that the existing soil is not conducive to plant growth; therefore, the site contractor will remove the existing soil and replace this material with approved topsoil. Also, an automatic irrigation system will be installed. NRHA estimates that the site contractor will complete all of these tasks by December.

Allowing for lost days due to weather and holidays, Parks and Urban Forestry personnel anticipates permanent planting on the site in early January. Landscape installation should take approximately 2 weeks to complete.

Youth Development

The Value Of Being Good Neighbors, Was Explored With Youth Participants. They learned the importance of treating each other with respect and kindness and explored how to enact these values in everyday life. The recreation center honored those special Bayview Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts for their dedicated efforts in the *Adopt-a-spot* program. The center also honored John Rogers for his faithful and dedicated volunteer service to the area youth. In addition to receiving a card and flowers, a counter stool was presented to him so he may continue to interact with youth at the center. Attendance for the Good Neighbor week activities was 110 participants.

Eight Annual Youth Leadership Summit-Meeting. The Eight Annual Youth Leadership Summit planning committee is working on a day-long summit scheduled for April 2, 2005 and hosted by Norfolk State University. The theme for the summit will be "Giving Back to the Community" and will feature educational breakout sessions and a possible entertainment segment that will involve several area community bands performing. The committee represents agencies and departments such as Children of the

Sun Education/Athletic Association, Neighborhood and Leisure Services, City Manager's office, Norfolk State University and New Generation Drum Corp.

National League of Cities-Youth Participation Project Site Visit. The City of Norfolk and the Division of Youth Development received another technical assistance award from the National League of Cities' (NLC) MetLife Foundation Youth-City Connection Project to plan and implement effective strategies to promote youth participation in Norfolk. One of those strategies included enhancing youth participation among teens from diverse backgrounds, leading to the creation of Teen Culture Fest on December 11. NLC will send a representative to Norfolk on November 5, 2004 to spend the entire day meeting with city officials, the teen cultural and planning committee members respectively, as well as discussing community engagement, Teen Culture Fest next steps, and touring the Harrison Opera House.

NORFOLK NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK-TV 48 HIGHLIGHTS

- The Department of Communications has even more going on than usual in the world of municipal television during September. Not only did NNN launch two new program series but also covered a number of press events.
- "Norfolk News Snaps" (short for snapshot) are a series of short news updates about all things Norfolk. The segments began airing at the top and bottom of the hour in mid-September, featuring former news anchor Bonita Harris, Public Information Officer for the Sheriff's office.
- Broadcast Services will have a rotation of four people acting as news anchors to keep programming fresh.
- Broadcast Services expects to cut about 16 snaps every few weeks.
- Content is derived directly from public information that comes out of the Department of Communications to include entertainment, civic issues, council updates, transportation, education, relaxation and so much more.
- "Human Services Forum" is joint venture between NNN and the Department of Human Services. The 30-minute series is done at the WHRO studio in a talk show format hosted by Jan Callaghan, Public Relations Manager for Human Services.

Also a news veteran, Jan has the ability to get issues such as adoption, abuse, child care and more across to the viewer flawlessly. She encourages volunteerism and community participation and the first show has been well received based on initial public feedback.
- NNN's web based coverage request form is getting more hits every month. Last month citizens and PR agencies alike used the form seven times to request coverage of various events. People are finding us in the field more as well. Through collaborations with star talent from within the city, NNN is able to cover most press events featuring

the Mayor or council members.

- September saw coverage of the Prairie Dog exhibit at the Virginia Zoo and NMMA boating show announcement at Waterside.
- The curtain lowering at the renovated Crispus Attucks Theatre became the subject of a Norfolk News Super Snap which concluded with a tease about the first three concerts to come to the historic theater.
- “Council Update” and “Norfolk Perspectives” marches on featuring a multitude of topics from tax abatement to Success by Six to the “There Goes a Mermaid” book and many more topics.

NORFOLK REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING AUTHORITY

Helping Hands. In October, NRHA's new employee volunteer program, Helping Hands, was launched in a big way. First, on Saturday, Oct. 2, some 31 pairs of "hands" donned gloves and set about cleaning up Ocean View to spruce up the neighborhood for 100,000+ Homearama visitors. Then, 26 NRHA employees volunteered to help staff the Norfolk exhibit and the Norfolk Victorian House during Homearama from Oct. 9 to 24, some of them working multiple shifts. Look for NRHA's Helping Hands to be hard at work in other Norfolk neighborhoods soon.

POLICE

Police Recruiting. While continuing in their efforts to enhance recruiting and hiring for the Norfolk Police Department, the recruitment staff of the Personnel Liaison Division is aggressively moving forward in establishing partnerships within the Hampton Roads area. Two new partners joining the recruitment team are RK Chevrolet of Virginia Beach and the Norfolk office of the Virginia Employment Commission. These new partnerships will provide the Norfolk Police Department the benefits of long-term exposure throughout the Hampton Roads area. While nurturing these partnerships, the recruitment team is continuing to work toward its goal of having the Recruitment, Application, and Orientation Center (RAOC) serve as a one-stop shop for recruiting activities.

The RK Chevrolet partnership began in May of this year. RK provided the use of a new 2004 Chevrolet Suburban for recruiting purposes. The vehicle is donated for one year and will be used to transport recruiting displays to job fairs and other outings while constantly displaying the recruiting message. Acceptance of the RK donation by Chief Marquis and City Manager Regina V. K. Williams with the approval of the Norfolk City Council provided a great opportunity for recruitment team members to pool their creative

talents in developing a new design scheme for the vehicle within the confines of a conservative budget.

The VEC provides a solid platform reaching a broad audience, enabling team members to disseminate information, answer questions, and register individuals for the police written exam. After only three visits team members had responded to inquiries from former Norshipco employees and ex-military personnel, to name a few. This is another ongoing and potentially long-term partnership that will continue to give the Norfolk Police Department greater exposure in this venue at no additional cost.

Three new television commercials are airing. So far the commercials have proven very successful in generating an increase in inquiries and applicants interested in becoming Norfolk police officers. The creation of the recruitment center and the increased staffing provided by Chief Marquis has already begun to yield dividends for the department in its goal to attract and retain quality employees.

Norfolk Crime Line – Remember the Value of This Tool! The Norfolk Crime Line is a tool for residents and police alike. The Crime Line provides a means by which individuals can provide information about unsolved crimes, both felony and misdemeanor. The caller is guaranteed complete anonymity for information given, will not have to appear in court, and if the information leads to an arrest can receive a reward up to \$1,000.00.

The Crime Line is a tremendous tool to reward or establish reliable informants. One of the appealing aspects of the Crime Line program is that rewards are given following an arrest instead of following a conviction that would involve a lengthy process in the courts.

Rewards are given for most crimes including: homicide, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny, auto theft, arson, narcotics charges, and misdemeanor fugitives. In fact, during the Norfolk Crime Line Board meeting on September 21, \$3,000 was designated as reward money for informants who helped to solve three murders, a hit and run fatality and three robberies.

How does the program work?

- Call is made to 1-888-LOCK-U-UP.
- Caller gives information on a Crime Line tip sheet and is given a number by which he/she will be identified if information is valuable.
- Tip sheet is forwarded to appropriate investigators for follow-up.
- If information proves useful and leads to an arrest, investigator forwards tip sheet with appropriate notation, i.e. “valuable information”... or “no value.”
- If information was useful a dollar amount is assigned to the tip using a scale provided by Crime Stoppers International.

- Tip sheets and reward amounts are presented to the Crime Line Board once a month for approval.
- Caller will then be awarded an approved reward in cash at an undisclosed location by using the assigned number given at the outset of the process and a password assigned by the Crime Line Coordinator.

Norfolk Crime Line business cards are available to hand out at crime scenes, while canvassing neighborhoods, on routine patrol, or attending civic leagues by contacting Officer Chris Amos at 664-3298. Law enforcement personnel and their families are not eligible to receive rewards through Crime Line.

Shore Security. To increase its capacity to assist in providing security for the Port of Hampton Roads, the police department used federal grant funding, to purchase 2 new harbor patrol boats at a cost of approximately \$243,000. Underwater video equipment was also acquired.

Police Field Operations Bureau

Data received from the Crime Analysis Bureau indicates a significant reduction in crime for most major categories from January through August of 2004 compared with the same time period last year:

- Homicide – Down 22 percent
- Forcible Rape – Down 10 percent
- Robbery to the Individual – Down 10 percent
- Robbery Commercial – Down 30 percent
- Aggravated Assault – Down 12 percent
- Residential Burglary – Down 12 percent
- Larceny – Down 19 percent
- Larceny from Auto – Down 13 percent
- Larceny of Auto Parts – Down 21 percent
- Stolen Auto – Down 14 percent
- Vandalism – Down 4 percent
- Commercial Burglary – Up 28 percent

Grant will give Norfolk more School Resource Officers - The office of U. S. Senator George Allen has announced the awarding of a grant of more than 1.2 million dollars to create 10 police officer positions as School Resource Officers (SROs) for the city's eight middle schools – Lafayette-Winona, Lake Taylor, Northside, Norview, Rosemont, Ruffner, Blair and Azalea Gardens. The awarding of these funds could result in the placement of eight SROs with two alternates as soon as January 2005.

PROJECT UPDATES

Phase II of Campostella Water and Sewer Replacement Project Underway. The Department of Utilities, in mid September, began construction on Phase II of the “Campostella Sewer Rehabilitation and Water Distribution System Improvements.” Campostella Phase I was completed in December 2003. That phase along with Phase II make up a \$7 million capital improvement project that will significantly enhance water and sewer services in Campostella. Residents will realize service improvements that include enhanced sewer services, increased water pressure and additional neighborhood fire hydrants to enhance fire fighting capabilities.

Phase II of this project involves replacing the systems west of Selden Avenue. Work is currently in progress on Hatton Street at Selden Avenue. For the next two months, construction will be concentrated along Hatton Street, Oakfield Avenue, and Roseclair Avenue. Systems replacement will be followed by street repaving and should be completed by the end of calendar year 2005. As part of our normal operating procedures, we have notified residents and businesses in the project area about the construction and are sending them periodic updates. In addition, staff recently attended the Southside Task Force meetings to provide updates on project plans and progress.

Median Improvement Program Resumes. The Departments of Public Works and Neighborhood and Leisure Services are resuming work on the City-wide median projects that began in spring 2004. Enhancements during the first phase of this project were made to medians along Terminal Boulevard and Newtown Road.

This fall, the two departments are working on the median along Virginia Beach Boulevard. The scope of work will include reshaping drainage ditches, removing excess material from the median, and improving the road shoulders. Median work is scheduled from Fire Station #2 to the Norfolk/Virginia Beach line. Work on this project is scheduled for Mondays through Wednesdays until completion of the project in early November.

Tidewater Drive Underpass Repairs. Public Works’ Division of Streets and Bridges is increasing repair work performed on the City’s concrete travel way. Motorists will experience alternating lane closures on Tidewater Drive for the next five weeks while the Division makes concrete road repairs at the Rugby Street underpass. The work at this segment of Tidewater Drive is similar to the repairs made to the underpass at Tidewater and Little Creek Road last spring. Weather permitting, completion of repairs is targeted for mid-November.

Ocean View Beach Replenishment Update October 22. The emergency truck haul of 37,000 cubic yards of sand has finished up in the three areas of Willoughby Spit that lost all, or most, of their sand dune during Hurricane Isabel. The City is on-track for

commencing the next phase of the project to bring in sand from the Thimble Shoal Channel starting December 1. The contractor will be Great Lakes Dredging.

The project will extend from central Ocean View all the way down to 14th View Street. In quite a few areas, the placement of the sand dune needs to extend onto private property in order to provide the best storm protection for shoreline properties as well as all other residents. In order to secure permission to do so, Right of Entry Agreements are being mailed out to the approximately 150 property owners where permission is needed.

Freemason Street Garage Replacement – formerly Boush Street garage; in ground work complete and the infrastructure is being erected. Much of pre-cast work will be sufficient along for Collins Development to begin its work in January on condos that will be on two sides of this garage. Collins being given notice to begin demolition of the former Commonwealth College Building per our agreement.

Courts Building – Final report on the study for the consolidated court has been received today. Court to be located where the current General District Court resides. Sent letter of interest to purchase a nearby building to act as the temporary home of General District court. public works is working on RFP for design services for building of temporary court room spaces and design services for the new court house.

City Jail elevator – elevator that is being renovated was halted while a secondary elevator that sustained a major equipment failure is being fixed. We needed to keep one in operation. The failed elevator is covered by our maintenance warranty. Once it is done the initial work will restart and the oldest jail elevator will be refurbished.

Police Operations Center interview rooms – demolition is complete and concrete floor slabs poured. Renovation work is beginning.

Selden Arcade – work is proceeding well and on schedule within budget. Had several key issues of a wall that needed replacement and some roof areas that will need structural repair. Expect to complete these phases in Dec. and d'ART to prepare their area by February.

Circuit Court judge parking – parking spaces are in. re-bidding security work as we got no bids the first time.

13th View Boat Ramp – design is almost complete. Permits are being applied for to dredge and do underwater work. Will need to discuss funding options.

Lambert's Point Golf – clubhouse work has begun; course is about 70% complete and the balance should be completed within 30-days and then we move to grow in period.

Elizabeth River Trail

- Virginia Department of Transportation and City staff are continuing to formalize plans for the remaining phases of the Trail.
- The City will mainstream the plans for the Elizabeth River Trail into the City's planning process as it relates to the General Plan.
- Mayor Fraim asked for a copy of the plans for the Brambleton Street bridge to see how the Trail will be incorporated into the new design.

National Cheerleading Competition Proposal

- The City of Norfolk has received a proposal from the University Cheerleaders Association of Memphis, Tennessee to develop a nationally televised cheerleading event in Norfolk by 2006.
- The City would be responsible for securing the event site and providing \$400,000 in sponsorship either directly or finding other corporate sponsors.
- Several departments will review the proposal and provide feedback to the promoters.

PUBLIC WORKS

Trade Journal to Publish City Employee's Articles. Lonnie Tebow, Supervisor of the Traffic Signal Maintenance Program, has written a series of four articles on "International Traffic Signal Control: The RS232 Standard." The articles provide technical explanations of serial communications and its use in traffic signal control applications. The first article will be published in the November/December issue of the International Municipal Signal Association (*IMSA*) magazine. The IMSA Journal is published by the International Municipal Signal Association which is a professional organization dedicated to enhancing educational opportunities and providing certification programs in Traffic Signals, Signs and Markings, Work Zone Traffic Control, Municipal and Interior Fire Alarm systems, Public Safety Dispatcher and Flagging. Lonnie previously worked for the City from August 1991 until October 1995 and returned to the City in May 2001.

EOV Intersection to Operate in Flash Mode. In response to a petition from area residents, the Division of Transportation reviewed the traffic signal operations at the 3rd Bay Street and East Ocean View Avenue intersection. Based on this review, this signal met the criteria adopted earlier this year for placement in flash operations mode. Traffic signals in the "Flash Mode of Operations" flash the amber signal on the main approach to the intersection and flash the red signal on the minor approach to the intersection. The proposed change was discussed during the East Ocean View Civic League meeting and

was unanimously approved. The signals will operate in flash mode from 9:00 p.m. to 4:30 a.m. beginning in November.

Signal Retiming on the Military Highway Corridor. One of the major goals for the Department of Public Works Division of Transportation's is to retime traffic signals throughout Norfolk. A Signal Retiming Program seeks to achieve safer and efficient operations of our transportation network. Each year several major corridors are scheduled for retiming based on observed performance and known land-use changes.

Military Highway, between Little Creek Road and the entrance to Target, is the first corridor scheduled for retiming in FY-05. As part of this project, a comprehensive data collection has been conducted at every intersection within this corridor. Using this data, DOT staff has developed optimized timing plans using state-of-the-art traffic engineering modeling techniques. The results indicate that the optimized timings will:

- ◆ Increase the Efficiency of Traffic Flow:
 - 20% during PM Peak Period
 - 8% during the AM Peak Period
 - 8% during the Off-Peak Period.
- ◆ Reduce the Total Delay:
 - 26% during PM Peak Period
 - 12% during the AM Peak Period
 - 12% during the Off-Peak Period.
- ◆ Reduce Fuel Consumption:
 - 14% during PM Peak Period
 - 6% during the AM Peak Period
 - 7% during the Off-Peak Period.

The overall benefit to motorists traveling this corridor equates to approximately \$1 million in savings per year based on reduced delay and fuel consumption. The new timing plans will also significantly contribute to reduced vehicle emissions.

The new signal timings will be implemented before the Holiday Season starts. Signal retiming is an effort coordinated with neighborhood areas and businesses impacted by this corridor.

Highway Work Being Done. Combined crews from Storm Water, Streets & Bridges, Transportation and Parks and Forestry will be grading the ditches on Virginia Beach Boulevard from Jett Drive west to the city line and back for the next month. Roadwork is scheduled for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of each week from 9:00AM to 3:00PM.

Residents should expect delays when traveling in the area due to reduced traffic lanes. For more information, contact Streets& Bridges at 823-4050.

Leaf Season Starts November 1. November 1 is the beginning of the city's leaf season. Leaf season is when the majority of trees loose their foliage. Storm Water's street sweeping will extend their workdays to 10 hours to keep up with the additional debris. Citizens are asked to continue their clean up and to not put any debris into the streets or storm drains. Normal street sweeping schedules will be followed. If residents need schedules they may contact Storm Water at 823-4000. Leaf season ends at the end of February. Remember it is illegal to place anything in storm water drains punishable by up to one year in jail and a \$2,500 fine.

Pipe Installation On Chesapeake Boulevard. Crews will soon begin work installing storm water drainage pipes on Chesapeake Boulevard at Pamlico Circle. Work is expected to take 6-8 months. Some traffic delays may occur due to this roadwork. For more information contact storm water at 823-4003.

Environmental Commission Celebrates 25 Years of Service to the Community. The Norfolk Environmental Commission (NEC) and the Friends of Norfolk's Environment will celebrate 25 years of KEEPING NORFOLK BEAUTIFUL at the "Trashy Dinner Dance". This event will be held on Saturday, November 6th at Nauticus. Proceeds from this event will go towards funding the design and construction of new office and classroom space at the Ernie Morgan Environmental Action Center. Hopefully, members of City Council will be able to attend or at least stop by.

City Presentation of Smart Traffic System Well Received. The City's Smart Traffic Center Manager, Dan Rydzewski, did a presentation on integrating "Norfolk's and the VA Department of Transportation's (VDOT) Smart Traffic Centers". The presentation was given on October 8th at the annual joint meeting of Virginia Section of Institute of Transportation Engineers (VASITE) and Intelligent Transportation Systems Virginia Chapter (ITSVA).

Norfolk is the first city in the region to partner with VDOT to integrate smart traffic centers (STC). The City's state-of-the-art "Advanced Traffic Management System" provides for real-time management of traffic signals, CCTV cameras, message signs and other devices connected to the system. Our integration with VDOT extends that capability onto the freeway network based on a shared resource agreement. The presentation was well received and stimulated interest from other municipalities as well as from state and federal highway agencies.

Are You Part of the *Big Easy*? More Norfolk Households to Join in January. Since the implementation of the first two phases of the "Big Easy" enhanced curbside recycling

program in Norfolk, both citizen participation and recyclable collection volume have each increased by almost 50%! This greater participation by the citizens of Norfolk helps to save valuable resources, keep our neighborhoods clean, and divert thousands of tons of waste from disposal.

This winter, the Southeastern Public Service Authority (SPSA) and the City of Norfolk will continue phasing in this new curbside recycling program. The third phase will begin in January 2005, with the distribution of the new 95-gallon rolling carts, followed by the first automated collection two weeks later.

Through this enhanced recycling collection service, the new larger carts will accept even more types of recyclable materials for collection: corrugated cardboard and mixed paper, including junk mail.

To help inform citizens about the new program and answer any questions, volunteers and staff of the Department of Public Works, the Norfolk Environmental Commission, and SPSA will be making brief presentations at upcoming meetings of civic leagues that are part of the third phase.

Thank you for your continued interest and support for a cleaner City of Norfolk!

City's Refuse Collection to be Evaluated in Central Business District. Due to the extensive development Norfolk's Downtown has experienced in the last several years, the Department of Public Works is working with the Downtown Norfolk Council in evaluating the City's refuse collection service in the Central Business District (CBD). The objective of the evaluation is to determine the level and type of service that will best meet the needs of businesses. The evaluation will also focus on level and type of service that is the least disruptive to businesses and their patrons. Within the next week, a survey will be forwarded to CBD customers regarding the current service's hours of collection, frequency, and collection method.

Also, the Public Works' Division of Waste Management, in an effort to enhance the appearance of refuse set-outs, will replace City-issued refuse containers in the CBD on Monday, October 11th. Approximately 200 existing container sites will be replaced as part of this beautification effort.

SHERIFF

P.R.I.D.E. at the Norfolk Sheriff's Office. The new P.R.I.D.E. program at the Norfolk Sheriff's Office has kicked off in the Organizational Development Department, under the leadership and direction of Lieutenant Colonel Mark Farsi. Sheriff Bob McCabe says the goal of P.R.I.D.E. is to become a higher performing organization with greater accountability and recognition for the staff. P.R.I.D.E. stands for Primary Responsibility Indicators for Departmental Efficiency. The Sheriff hopes everyone will embrace the concept.

“This is a major initiative. Every department will have P.R.I.D.E. indicators, which will come from the departments themselves as a guide for how to do thing better. I’m already so proud of how well we do here, but as I often like to say, even if you’re on the right track, you’ll get run over if you don’t move forward.”

Farsi, the man heading the P.R.I.D.E. effort, is a retired warden from the maximum security Rikers Island in New York, which houses 20,000 inmates a day, and is well known as “the roughest jail in New York.”

It’s also become known as one of the world’s best-run jails, due to an initiative to rehabilitate itself, similar to P.R.I.D.E. At Rikers, it’s called T.E.A.M.S., Total Efficiency Accountability Management System. While the warden there, Farsi helped implement T.E.A.M.S., but he admits he didn’t appreciate the concept right away.

“At first, my reaction was, what are you kidding me? This will never work. But once you embrace it as a tool to advance, it can really help you.”

Now, Farsi credits the program with helping him move up in rank, becoming one of the youngest wardens in the country, at the age of 38.

“It helps develop people’s skills for the betterment of themselves. Because of the program, I was noticed. I used it as a forum to show my stuff.”

In New York, the system has not only helped deserving staff rise in rank, it’s raised morale, cut the abuse of sick leave and reduced violence in the jail. Before T.E.A.M.S., Rikers averaged nearly 200 slashings and stabbings a month. After T.E.A.M.S. was implemented, that number plummeted to three or four. Now, law enforcement agencies all over the world contact Rikers Island to learn from its example.

Farsi is confident that P.R.I.D.E. will take the Norfolk Sheriff’s Office to the next level. “I’m very upbeat about it. The people and staff here have already embraced the concept. They’ve also embraced me. As I sit and talk with people, I don’t compare the Norfolk Sheriff’s Office with the New York Corrections Department. The NSO is its own entity and it’s great already. We’re just going to step it up a notch and stay on the cutting edge.”

Working with Farsi as a consultant is Deborah Kurtz, who has received international acclaim for formulating the T.E.A.M.S. philosophy and administering the system for the New York City Department of Corrections.

“I think it’s really a proactive stance. This is a place that has tremendous challenges because of the overcrowding. I’m impressed with the progress made since Sheriff McCabe has taken office... but I do see some areas for more improvement.”

UTILITIES

City’s Lifeline Program Helps 1,940 Norfolk Families During FY 04. Lifeline funds are provided by the City to eligible Norfolk water customers who are in need of financial assistance with water bills and plumbing repairs. In FY 2004, Lifeline provided 1,940 families with a total \$542,380.54 in assistance. Lifeline was implemented in August of 1999 as a partnership between the departments of Human Services and Utilities. This

once little known and underutilized program has grown to become a vital community service, assisting a record number of customers during the last fiscal year.

IN THE COMMUNITY

Give the Gift of ART – d'ART Smart

This holiday season, **d'ART Smart** in an initiative to provide **Art Supplies** to under-served and at risk youth to foster **self-esteem, self-discipline, flexible thinking and creativity**.

For over 10 years, the d'ART Center has provided instruction in visual arts

to under-served and at risk children and teens. We discovered that success with art classes spilled over to generate success in other areas. Art students benefit with an enhanced sense of self, an expanded vision of the world in both artistic and social terms, and a realization that they can undertake new experiences with the confidence of completion and success. The community benefits from the education of its residents.

"Offering the d'ART Center programs to our students was yet another way to reach the problem- solving and clarification of decision-making required by higher order thinking skills. The personal mentoring in art was outstanding. All the students returned to school excited, immersed and eager for the next session."

Dr. Laguna Foster Young Park School, Principal

As a non-profit organization, the **d'ART Smart** needs partnership opportunities to extend our outreach to the community. You can help:

- Donate Art supplies
- Make contributions to **d'ART Smart** programs
- Promote Public Service Announcements in TV, Newspaper, Radio
- Place signage in storefronts
- Include d'ART Smart information in school and neighborhood newsletters
- Sponsorship opportunities are available, call 625-4211 for additional information.

Success with Art Brings Success in Life! The d'ART Center will act as a collection site for **d'ART Smart** Art Supply donations during our Holiday Gift Shop, **November 20 - December 24**. Art supplies collected will be distributed to children for the holidays.

Please help us Give the Gift of ART this holiday season – d'ART Smart

November 1-7 ~ TAA Juried Exhibit "Back on the Block" continues. A wonderful variety of artwork to celebrate the revived relationship between TAA and the d'Art Center. The d'Art Center, 125 College Place Norfolk, is FREE and Open to the Public Tues- Sat 10-6:00pm, Sunday 1:00-5:00pm -- Call 757.625-4211 or visit our website for additional information, www.d-artcenter.org.

November 13-17 ~ Vonnie Whitworth's exhibit "People Places and Things 2004" - will present a collection of oil paintings in addition to her watercolor paintings. The d'Art Center, 125 College Place Norfolk, is FREE and Open to the Public Tues- Sat 10-6:00pm, Sunday 1:00-5:00pm. Please call 757.499-2615 for additional information. (Digital image attached)

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FOR MORE HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES, SEE END OF CIVIC CONNECTION

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“According to the 2000 Census, there are 393,000 households within the SPSA service area. We think that about 60% of these households have at least one cell phone, based on external independent estimates. So if you do the math, there is a high volume of cell phones in our region – and that doesn't include business use. We haven't set out any expected recycling targets, but we are hopeful that there is brisk participation in this program,” says Richard Cheliras, SPSA's Director of Environmental and Safety Management.

A vendor out of Atlanta is accepting the cell phones from SPSA for recycling. “This vendor is willing to do this in order to recover the rechargeable batteries which are normally associated with mobile phones. The firm is a battery recycle with close ties with several cell phone manufacturers. Some of the phones are put back into service for charitable organizations with the remainder being de-manufactured,” adds Mr. Cheliras. Residents may dispose of their cell phones and other household hazardous waste items free of charge at any SPSA household hazardous waste collection facility. There are eight such facilities throughout the region. SPSA has two full-time household hazardous waste collection facilities --- one in Suffolk and one in Virginia Beach. They are open Tuesdays through Saturdays. The other facilities operate on varying schedules. Business customers however are required to call ahead to SPSA and must pay a recycling fee. The minimum fee is \$15.

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SPSA FACT: Take a vacation! SPSA recycles enough steel every 24 months to build a cruise ship.

In the past two years SPSA recycled 22,247 tons of ferrous metals (iron and steel). Premier Cruise Lines (which operates The Big Red Boat) has vessels such as the Sea Breeze at 21,000 tons, Orient Lines has the Marco Polo at 22,080 tons, American Hawaii has the SS Independence at 20,221 tons.

VSC ON THE ROAD WITH ITS EDUCATIONAL TOURING PROGRAMS & ADULT OUTREACH

Virginia Stage Company continues its tradition of reaching out to the community with its Educational Touring Programs and a new Adult Outreach Program. The Virginia Stage Company's Education Department provides matinee performances of mainstage productions as well as in-school touring productions to over 50,000 Hampton Roads students annually, and serves as a Partner in Education with several schools by providing services such as performances, drama classes, production training and workshops to Title One schools and others.

This year, Virginia Stage Company offers two Education Touring Productions: *Danny, King of the Basement*, written by David S. Craig and directed by Craig Miller, and *The Garden of Rikki Tikki Tavi*, by Y York, adapted from Rudyard Kipling and directed by Virginia Stage Company's Director of Education, Neal Easterling. To book

either of the two shows for your school, please contact Leigh Price, Education Assistant, at 757-627-6988 ext. 355.

Danny, King of the Basement is the story of Danny Carter. In two years, he and his Mom have lived in more places than most kids lose teeth. When Danny moves into a basement apartment on Clinton Street, the kids he meets seem to have more problems than just being hungry and poor. But Danny's imaginative play creates a community that allows his friends to cope with their problems and ultimately to help Danny-because Danny's crisis isn't losing a home, its gaining one! Touring October 21st-November 19th, 2004 and January 5th-March 18th, 2005. Most appropriate for 3rd-8th grade students.

In *The Garden of Rikki Tikki Tavi*, Darzee the Taylor Bird, diva extraordinaire, is incensed when Rikki Tikki Tavi washes up in her pristine garden. Darzee does not share with anyone, except maybe her friend Chuchu the Muskrat. Rikki must go! Darzee and Chuchu pull out the stops attempting to run off the pesky mongoose. This comic adaptation of Kipling's classic encourages sharing and cooperation and revels in the wonder of childhood. Touring September 23rd-November 19th, 2004 and January 5th-March 18th, 2005. Most appropriate for Kindergarten-6th grade students.

In addition to the in-school touring productions, Virginia Stage Company's Education Department has launched a new Adult Outreach program to reach those individuals who might not be capable of coming to the Well's Theatre. Beginning in January, Virginia Stage Company's acting interns will present scenes from each of our mainstage productions to community groups around Hampton Roads. To schedule an adult outreach activity, please contact Neal Easterling at 757-627-6988 ext. 312.

For more information, please contact Virginia Stage Company's Director of Education, Neal Easterling at 757-627-6988 ext. 312.

FYI

Community Forum Held on John T. West School Property

On October 23, a Community Open Forum was held at the Huntersville Neighborhood Service Center regarding the John T. West School property located on Bolton Street. The community meeting was sponsored by the Olde Huntersville Civic League to discuss and evaluate the feasibility of restoring or demolishing the old John T. West School property.

The meeting was attended by Vice-Mayor Daun Hester, Planning Director Tim Polk, NAACP President John Hill, representatives from the Historic Preservationist group and a host of concerned citizens from Olde Huntersville and other concerned neighborhoods throughout the city. A PowerPoint presentation given by the Planning Department highlighted many historical facts about John T. West School that was built in 1906 and closed in 1980. There were many in attendance that felt due to its historical

value, there should be attempts to save the school. Many others, mostly residents of Olde Huntersville, would like to see the school torn down. It has caused blight in the neighborhood and many feel that the property could be used for new housing in the area. Vice-Mayor Hester informed the group that something has to be done with the property and those individuals that wish to save the school should form a committee and work to accomplish this task. She stated that to save the school would take hard work, commitment and money and they would have to commit to something soon or the building was coming down. A committee was formed to look into what is needed to save the school. A follow up meeting on this subject is expected. Call 664-7400 for further information.

HEALTHWATCH – A TV48 PROGRAM

Influenza

HELLO -- I'M TERRANCE AFER-ANDERSON AND WELCOME TO TODAY'S EDITION OF HEALTHWATCH.

MOST OF US HAVE HAD SOME EXPERIENCE WITH INFLUENZA -- THE FLU. WHETHER IT WAS YOU PERSONALLY OR SOMEONE IN YOUR IMMEDIATE FAMILY, YOU ARE LIKELY VERY AWARE OF FLU SYMPTOMS -- AND YOU ALSO KNOW OF COURSE THAT THE FLU CAN MAKE YOU FEEL PRETTY MISERABLE. BUT WHAT CAN YOU DO TO PREVENT YOURSELF OR SOMEONE YOU LOVE FROM GETTING THE FLU?

THOUGH MANY PEOPLE GET IMMUNIZED AGAINST INFLUENZA EVERY YEAR, THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE THAT SIMPLY REMAIN UNCONVINCED OF THE MERITS OF GETTING A FLU SHOT. NOW -- WITH INCREASED DEMANDS FOR THE VACCINE -- IT IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT THAT PEOPLE THAT ARE PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE TO THE FLU -- SENIOR CITIZENS, VERY YOUNG CHILDREN AND THE CHRONICALLY ILL -- GET PROPERLY IMMUNIZED.

TODAY, WE ARE GOING TO DISCUSS THE FLU -- ITS SYMPTOMS AND TREATMENT -- AND THE FLU SHOT. WE ARE ALSO GOING TO PROVIDE YOU WITH IMPORTANT INFORMATION THAT WILL ENLIGHTEN YOU ON THE VALUE OF BEING IMMUNIZED AGAINST INFLUENZA, ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE AT GREATEST RISK.

FOR INSTANCE, DID YOU KNOW THAT EVERY YEAR SOME TWENTY THOUSAND AMERICANS DIE FROM THE FLU? DID YOU KNOW THAT, EACH YEAR, ONE-HUNDRED FOURTEEN THOUSAND U.S. RESIDENTS ARE HOSPITALIZED AS A RESULT OF INFLUENZA INFECTION? OR THAT FIFTY MILLION AMERICANS GET THE FLU EVERY YEAR?

LET ME ALSO ASK, DO YOU KNOW THE FULL LENGTH OF THE FLU SEASON -- WHEN YOU ARE MOST SUSCEPTIBLE TO CATCHING THE FLU? DO YOU KNOW WHAT FACTORS PLACE YOU AT RISK FOR INFLUENZA?

THESE ARE IMPORTANT QUESTIONS -- QUESTIONS TO WHICH -- TODAY ON HEALTHWATCH -- WE WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH SOME ANSWERS. TO HELP US DO SO, WE ARE JOINED BY JOHN MONROE, DISTRICT EPIDEMIOLOGIST AT THE NORFOLK DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH.

OK, JOHN, FIRST THINGS FIRST. WHAT IS THE FLU?

INFLUENZA -- IS A VIRAL DISEASE OF THE RESPIRATORY TRACT. THERE ARE TWO MAIN TYPES OF INFLUENZA VIRUS: TYPE A AND B. EACH TYPE INCLUDES MANY DIFFERENT STRAINS THAT TEND TO CHANGE EACH YEAR.

HOW IS THE VIRUS SPREAD?

INFLUENZA IS HIGHLY CONTAGIOUS AND IS EASILY SPREAD THROUGH CONTACT WITH DROPLETS FROM THE NOSE AND THROAT OF AN INFECTED PERSON -- DURING COUGHING AND SNEEZING.

CAN THE INFLUENZA VIRUS BE SPREAD ANY OTHER WAY?

YOU CAN ALSO CONTRACT THE FLU BY TOUCHING A SURFACE THAT CONTAINS THE VIRUS. FOR EXAMPLE, IF YOU TOUCH AN INFECTED PERSON'S HAND -- AND THEN TOUCH YOUR NOSE OR MOUTH WITH THAT HAND -- YOU CAN GET THE FLU. SO AVOID TOUCHING CONTAMINATED SURFACES AND ALWAYS MAKE SURE TO WASH YOUR HANDS THOROUGHLY.

AFTER SOMEONE BECOMES INFECTED, HOW LONG CAN THEY SPREAD THE VIRUS?

ADULTS CAN PASS THE VIRUS -- THREE TO SEVEN DAYS AFTER SYMPTOMS BEGIN, WHILE CHILDREN CAN SPREAD THE VIRUS MORE THAN SEVEN DAYS FOLLOWING THE ONSET OF SYMPTOMS.

MOST PEOPLE BELIEVE THAT THEY KNOW WHAT FLU SYMPTOMS ARE, BUT MAYBE YOU SHOULD TELL US SPECIFICALLY WHAT TO LOOK FOR?

CERTAINLY. FLU SYMPTOMS INCLUDE FEVER, DRY COUGH, SORE THROAT, NASAL CONGESTION, HEADACHE, BODY ACHES, AND FATIGUE. BUT THE PRESENCE OF ANY ONE OF THESE SYMPTOMS -- OR A COMBINATION OF SUCH -- DOESN'T NECESSARILY MEAN THAT YOU HAVE THE FLU. YOU SHOULD SEE YOUR DOCTOR. GENERALLY, WITHIN THE FIRST FEW DAYS AFTER SYMPTOMS APPEAR, YOUR DOCTOR CAN PERFORM TESTS TO SEE IF YOU HAVE INFLUENZA.

[HOW LONG DOES THE FLU LAST, JOHN?

[JOHN]

MOST PEOPLE RECOVER FROM INFLUENZA IN ONE TO TWO WEEKS. HOWEVER, PEOPLE AGE SIXTY-FIVE YEARS AND OLDER, CHRONICALLY ILL PEOPLE, AND VERY YOUNG CHILDREN MAY DEVELOP LIFE-THREATENING COMPLICATIONS – CAUSING THE DISEASE TO LINGER LONGER.

[LIFE-THREATENING COMPLICATIONS SUCH AS WHAT?

[COMPLICATIONS FROM INFLUENZA THAT OCCUR IN VERY YOUNG CHILDREN, SENIOR CITIZENS AND CHRONICALLY ILL PEOPLE INCLUDE: PNEUMONIA, BRONCHITIS, AND SINUS AND EAR INFECTIONS. THE FLU CAN ALSO MAKE CHRONIC HEALTH PROBLEMS EVEN WORSE. IF YOU HAVE A HEALTH CONDITION SUCH AS CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE, KIDNEY DISEASE, CYSTIC FIBROSIS, DIABETES, ANEMIA, ASTHMA, CANCER OR A WEAKED IMMUNE SYSTEM, YOU SHOULD CONSULT YOUR DOCTOR BEFORE GETTING A FLU SHOT.

[JOHN, HOW LONG DOES THE FLU SEASON LAST IN THE UNITED STATES?

THE TRADITIONAL FLU SEASON IN THE UNITED STATES RUNS FROM NOVEMBER TO APRIL. WE SHOULD NOTE THOUGH THAT THE PEAK FLU SEASON IN VIRGINIA TENDS TO OCCUR IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY, BUT MAY LAST WELL INTO MARCH.

[SO WHEN IS THE BEST TIME TO GET A FLU SHOT?

[THE OPTIMUM TIME TO GET IMMUNIZED AGAINST INFLUENZA IS DURING OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER. BUT YOU CAN GET THE FLU SHOT IN DECEMBER – OR EVEN LATER -- AND STILL BE ADEQUATELY PROTECTED.

OK... AS I SAID EARLIER, MANY PEOPLE CHOOSE NOT TO GET A FLU SHOT. SO MAYBE WE SHOULD TALK ABOUT WHAT SOMEONE SHOULD DO IF THEY GET THE FLU?

ABSOLUTELY. THEY SHOULD REST, DRINK PLENTY OF LIQUIDS, AVOID USING ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO, AND TAKE MEDICATION. HOWEVER, UNLESS PRESCRIBED BY THEIR DOCTOR, THEY SHOULD NEVER GIVE ASPIRIN TO CHILDREN OR TEENAGERS WHO HAVE FLU SYMPTOMS -- ESPECIALLY WHEN A FEVER IS PRESENT.

THAT'S BECAUSE OF REYES SYNDROME, ISN'T IT?

YES. REYES SYNDROME IS A RARE BUT SERIOUS ILLNESS THAT CAN AFFECT ANY BODY ORGAN, ESPECIALLY THE LIVER AND BRAIN. IT OCCURS MOST OFTEN IN THE UNITED STATES DURING THE MONTHS OF JANUARY, FEBRUARY, AND MARCH -- WHEN THE FLU IS MOST PREVALENT. GIVING ASPIRIN TO CHILDREN AND TEENAGERS WHO HAVE INFLUENZA CAN CAUSE REYES SYNDROME. THEREFORE, NEVER GIVE ASPIRIN TO CHILDREN WHEN THEY HAVE THE FLU.

JOHN, ALL THAT WE HAVE DISCUSSED THUS FAR REINFORCES THE IMPORTANCE OF GETTING IMMUNIZED AGAINST THE FLU. SO WHY ARE PEOPLE RELUCTANT THEN TO GET FLU SHOTS?

WELL, JUST LIKE WITH URBAN LEGENDS, THERE ARE A NUMBER OF MYTHS ABOUT THE FLU SHOT.

WHY DON'T YOU SHARE A COUPLE OF THE MOST PREVALENT FLU MYTHS WITH US?

WELL, INITIALLY, MANY PEOPLE BELIEVE THAT FLU SHOTS DON'T WORK. THE FLU VACCINE MAY NOT PROVIDE ONE-HUNDRED PER CENT PROTECTION, BUT STUDIES OF HEALTHY YOUNG ADULTS HAVE SHOWN FLU VACCINATIONS TO BE FROM SEVENTY TO NINETY PER CENT EFFECTIVE. THIS CERTAINLY MAKES IT WORTHY OF CONSIDERATION.

AGREED. CAN YOU TELL US ANOTHER MYTH ABOUT THE FLU SHOT?

[YES, MANY PEOPLE ALSO BELIEVE THAT A FLU SHOT THIS YEAR WILL PROTECT YOU FROM THE DISEASE IN THE FUTURE. BUT THE VIRUSES THAT CAUSE THE FLU CONSTANTLY MUTATE AND CHANGE. NEW STRAINS OF THE FLU OCCUR EVERY YEAR. THAT IS WHY NEW VACCINE FORMULAS MUST BE CREATED EACH YEAR.

SO, IT IS IN FACT A GOOD IDEA TO GET A FLU SHOT ANNUALLY. OUR VIEWERS SHOULD CONSULT WITH THEIR PRIVATE PHYSICIANS OF COURSE TO GET THEIR FLU SHOTS. BUT I ALSO KNOW THAT -- EVERY YEAR -- THE NORFOLK DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH CONDUCTS AN INFLUENZA IMMUNIZATION INITIATIVE. WHERE CAN PEOPLE CALL, JOHN, TO GET INFORMATION ABOUT THIS YEAR'S PROGRAM -- THE DATES, TIMES AND LOCATIONS?

BEFORE I SHARE THAT INFORMATION, TERRANCE, LET ME REITERATE HOW SO VERY IMPORTANT IT IS THIS YEAR FOR THOSE MOST AT RISK -- AGAIN, SENIOR CITIZENS, CHRONICALLY ILL PEOPLE, AND YOUNG CHILDREN -- TO BE GIVEN PRIORITY WITH FLU IMMUNIZATIONS. THE SUPPLY OF THE VACCINE THIS YEAR HAS BEEN IMPACTED BY UNFORESEEN SHORTAGES. SO, PEOPLE AT GREATEST RISK SHOULD MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH THEIR PHYSICIANS AND OTHER PROVIDERS OF FLU VACCINATIONS TO GET THEIR SHOTS RIGHT AWAY. OF COURSE, THEY CAN ALSO CALL THE NORFOLK DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH FOR ASSISTANCE AND FURTHER INFORMATION.

AND WHERE CAN PEOPLE CALL FOR UPDATES ON THE AVAILABILITY OF THE VACCINE?

THEY CAN CALL THE NORFOLK DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AT 683-2034.

HEALTHWATCH IS A MONTHLY HEALTH UPDATE PRESENTED BY THE NORFOLK DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ABOUT THIS PROGRAM -- OR IF YOU HAVE A TOPIC THAT YOU WOULD LIKE FOR US

TO DISCUSS – PLEASE CALL US AT 683-2756. I'M TERRANCE AFER-ANDERSON AND THIS HAS BEEN HEALTHWATCH.

THINGS TO SEE AND DO

CHRYSLER MUSEUM OF ART

Information is subject to change. Please call (757) 664-6200 for confirmation.

***The Quilts of Gee's Bend*--Highly Anticipated Exhibition Celebrates Multi-Generational Artistry of One Community in Southern Alabama**

Now through January 2, 2005

Hollywood could hardly create a more unlikely scenario than the extraordinary success of the Gee's Bend quilters. The script would read like this: Generations of African-American women living in a poor, isolated rural community in the Deep South make quilts to keep their families warm and to brighten their homes. Their quilts are "discovered," collected, and displayed as major works of art in a traveling exhibition that takes the country by storm. Organized by the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, and the Tinwood Alliance of Atlanta, *The Quilts of Gee's Bend* marks the first time these stunning quilts have been seen in a public forum.

The exhibition has been shown to critical acclaim at such museums as the Whitney Museum of American Art in New York, the Corcoran Gallery in Washington, D.C., and most recently at the Cleveland Museum of Art. Now, the Chrysler brings these extraordinary creations to Hampton Roads.

The remote rural community known as Gee's Bend occupies an area of land some five miles across and seven miles deep inside a horseshoe-shaped bend in the Alabama River. Geography has defined life in Gee's Bend over several generations. The first African Americans to settle in the area were the slaves of John Gee, for whom the Bend is named. Cut off on three sides from the outside world by the Alabama River, a ferry operated sporadically until the 1960s. Much like an island, the community remained insulated in large measure from the forces of change. The descendants of the first people in Gee's Bend continued on as small farmers who did well in the early 1900s when cotton prices were high. They suffered as cotton prices declined in the 1920s and fell on very hard times during the Great Depression. What nature created at the Bend, history has reinforced. Isolation is only half the story of Gee's Bend; the other half is tradition.

Because the inhabitants of Gee's Bend were left largely to themselves for nearly 100 years after the end of the Civil War in 1865, many of the community's traditions and folkways survived virtually unchanged well into the 20th century. Quilting is one of the most important of these traditions.

The quilts in the exhibition represent four generations of artists who took fabric from their everyday lives—corduroy, denim, cotton sheets, and well-worn clothing—and fashioned them into compositions that more closely resemble modernist abstract paintings than familiar quilt patterns. The women learned the craft from their mothers or grandmothers but the emphasis was always on individuality and innovation. Quilters made the tops by themselves and occasionally got together for the quilting. Most of the quilts in the exhibition are of the type known as piece, strip, or patchwork. As Mensie Lee Pettway, a Gee's Bend quilter says about tradition of quilt-making, "A lot of people make quilts just for your bed, for to keep you warm, but a quilt is more. It represents safekeeping, it represents beauty, and you could say it represents family history."

The exhibition is accompanied by a full schedule of educational programs as well as an audio tour and 25-minute video featuring the quilters of Gee's Bend describe their experiences in their own words.

The Chrysler's presentation of this exhibition is dedicated to the memory of Admiral Benjamin T. Hacker, former Museum Trustee, decorated Naval officer, and community leader.

PHOTOGRAPHY SPEAKS

November 3 (Open until 9 p.m. by voluntary contribution)

12:30 p.m. / Gallery Chat: The Norfolk Mace

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6 – 8 p.m. / Chrysler Creates for Adults: Drawing the Line

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6:15 – 8:45 p.m. / The Art of Jazz and The Fine Art of Wine with Jim Newsom – in Huber Court.

7 p.m. / Public Tour: Highlights of the Permanent Collection

November 4

11 a.m. / Children's Storytelling: Tickle My Ears: Buddha and His Friends

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children appreciate art. Cost: included with Museum Admission; children under 12 are free. Please call 333-6269 for more information. Tickle My Ears: Stories and Art at the Chrysler has been generously funded by The Norfolk Foundation.

November 5

6 – 9 p.m. / For Arts Sake's Third Annual Oyster Roast Featuring Butter

Do not miss out on an endless supply of oysters and live entertainment on the Museum's front lawn courtesy of regional favorite Butter and their groovy alter ego "Bootylicious." In addition to enjoying the libations and music, event guests will also get an exclusive look at The Quilts of Gee's Bend. Please call 333-6336 for information and tickets.

November 6

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. / Chrysler Creates for Children: Drawing – Basics for Young Artists. Classes designed for children ages 9 – 12. Cost: \$40 for Museum Members; \$55 non-members, plus materials. For more information and a materials list, please call 333-6268 or visit www.chrysler.org.

2 p.m. / Seniors Art Forum: The Quilts of Gee's Bend

The Quilts of Gee's Bend features 70 quilts by 46 African-American quilters. The tradition of quilt-making in Gee's Bend—an isolated rural community in Alabama—undoubtedly goes back many generations. This exhibition, which has also been shown to national critical acclaim, marks the first time that these stunning quilts have been seen in a public forum. Join the Chrysler's Director of Education Dr. John Welch for a special tour of the exhibition.

The Seniors Art Forum is a senior citizens group that meets on the first Saturday of every month for a tour, discussion, and light refreshments. No reservations are necessary for individuals, but please call (757) 333-6268 for group reservations. Cost: included with Museum Admission.

2 p.m. / Public Tour: Highlights of the Permanent Collection – Included with Museum admission.

November 7

2 p.m. / Sunday Surprise: Egyptian Dance Workshop with Young Audiences of Virginia Children have the unique opportunity to explore authentic Egyptian folk dance through this creative and educational workshop conducted by Azza Monunib. Body movements and hand motions are demonstrated and practiced in a series of activities that culminate

with an Egyptian dance performance involving every child. Cost: included with Museum admission. For more information, please call (757) 333-6239.

2 p.m. / Public Tour: Photography Speaks – Included with Museum admission.

2 – 5 p.m. / Sunday Afternoon Quilting Bee

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November 10 (Open until 9 p.m. by voluntary contribution)

12 p.m. Federal Profiles: Masterpiece Uncovered: The Neoclassical Ceiling at the Moses Myers House. Until its recent conservation, the elegant neoclassical ceiling in the front passage of the Moses Myers House was hidden beneath a 200-year accumulation of paint that blunted the impact of its overall design and clogged its beautifully modeled details beyond recognition. Join Gary E. Baker, acting curator of Historic Houses, and Stephen Z. Marder, plaster conservator, as they discuss this extraordinary treasure. Cost: free for Museum Members; \$4 for non-members (boxed lunches \$8). For reservations, please call the Freemason Reception Center at 441-1526.

12:30 p.m. / Gallery Chat: In honor of Veteran's Day: The World at War: Remembrances of Great Battles in Art

In honor of Veteran's Day, come learn about what art can tell us about conceptions of warfare. Ornate Japanese suits of armor, depictions of soldiers on ancient Greek pottery, and romantic paintings of modern military events all provide a commentary on a given society's attitudes toward war and peace. Continue your Veteran's Day commemoration at Nauticus, which will supply \$2 coupons for today's visit to the first 20 people at the Gallery Chat.

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11 a.m. / The Quilts of Gee's Bend Film Series

Unraveling the Stories: Quilts as a Reflection of Our Lives (1997) 60 minutes

This film explores quilts as time machines by sharing many of the stories connecting families, communities, and entire cultures for generations, from African-American storytelling traditions to ancient Indian cultures, from environmental issues to messages of personal grief and love. Films are shown on selected Saturdays at 11 a.m. during the run of the exhibition. No reservations are required for individuals, but please call 333-6268 for group reservations. Cost: included with Museum Admission.

2 p.m. / Public Tour: The Quilts of Gee's Bend – Included with Museum admission.

November 14

2 p.m. / Public Tour: Highlights of the Permanent Collection – Included with Museum admission.

2 – 5 p.m. / Sunday Afternoon Quilting Bee

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November 17 (Open until 9 p.m. by voluntary contribution)

12:30 p.m. / Gallery Chat: The James H. Ricau Collection of Neoclassical Sculpture

The colony of sculptors in Rome—largely American—created much of the public and private sculptures seen in the U.S. from about 1850 – 1900. Literary reference and a background of the Victorian era are central to reading these works. This Gallery Chat will provide a context for audiences to enjoy and engage these beautiful objects.

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6:15 – 8:45 p.m. / The Art of Jazz with Swing Time – in Huber Court.

7 p.m. / Public Tour: Highlights of the Permanent Collection

November 20

2 p.m. / New Members' Tour: Highlights of the Permanent Collection

November 21

1 p.m. / The Quilts of Gee's Bend Gospel Brunch Featuring Joseph & Mary
Southern cooking never tasted so good! Enjoy fried chicken, meatloaf, collard greens, buttered corn, potato salad—not to mention punch-bowl cake and cobbler—from Shirley's Kitchen while hearing a joyous concert from local gospel groups. Cost: \$10 adults, \$4 children, plus Museum admission. Space is limited; reservations are strongly suggested. Please call 333-6268.

2 p.m. / Public Tour: The Quilts of Gee's Bend – Included with Museum admission.

2 – 5 p.m. / Sunday Afternoon Quilting Bee

November 25

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November 27

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1 p.m. / Art History for Beginners Film Series: Islamic Art 1982 (30 minutes)
Forbidden by Islamic law to represent the human form, Moslem artists instead create decorative patterns in the style we know as "arabesque." This program discusses the architecture and sculpture of mosques and Koranic schools, the illumination and calligraphy of sacred texts, the religious music, the art of the garden, and the influence of the arabesque motif on Western art. Art History for Beginners is a monthly tour and film series for anyone interested in learning about painting, sculpture, and architecture. Films are shown every fourth Saturday at 1 p.m., and tours on the topic will follow at 2 p.m. No reservations are required for individuals, but please call (757) 333-6268 for group reservations. Cost: included with Museum Admission.

2 p.m. / Public Tour: Indian & Islamic Art – Included with Museum admission.

November 28

2 p.m. / Public Tour: Highlights of the Permanent Collection – Included with Museum admission.

2 – 5 p.m. / Sunday Afternoon Quilting Bee

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THE CHRYSLER CELEBRATES THE SEASON

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December 4

2 p.m. / Public Tour: Highlights of the Permanent Collection – Included with Museum admission.

2 p.m. / Seniors Art Forum: A Roomful of Crockery: The H. C. Hofheimer II Porcelain Collection. Pieces in the Hofheimer collection of Worcester porcelain date from 1751 to 1783 and illustrate a wide range of products from an English factory. Join Master Docent and decorative arts specialist Donna Dearth Morrison to learn about modeling techniques, the difference between soft-paste and hard-paste porcelain, and the reason why soapstone became an ingredient. The Seniors Art Forum is a senior citizens group that meets on the first Saturday of every month for a tour, discussion, and light refreshments. No reservations are necessary for individuals, but please call 333-6268 for group reservations. Cost: included with Museum Admission.

December 5

1 p.m. / Holiday Program: Holidays Along the Cannonball Trail
Several of Norfolk's downtown historic sites will host this free afternoon of holiday sights and sounds from Norfolk's colorful past, including the Moses Myers House. Tours, music, living-history characters, and decorations will enhance the historic surroundings dating from the 18th, 19th, and 20th centuries. Maps of the Cannonball Trail and refreshments will be available at the Freemason Street Reception Center. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, please call 441-1526.

2 – 5 p.m. / Sunday Afternoon Quilting Bee
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2 p.m. / Public Tour: Photography Speaks – Included with Museum admission.

December 8 (Open until 9 p.m. by voluntary contribution)

12:30 p.m. / Gallery Chat: Highlights of the Glass Collection
Witness the marriage of silicon and fire. Join a Museum docent for a fresh look at the Chrysler's world-renowned collection of glass. Trace the history of this art medium from ancient times to the present, and learn how glassblowers manipulate molten glass to produce crystal goblets and decorative vessels.

6:15 – 8:45 p.m. / The Art of Jazz with Against All Odds – in Huber Court.

December 11

11 a.m. / Gee's Bend Film Series

Faith Ringgold: The Last Story Quilt (1991) 28 minutes

Share an insider's look at how one African-American woman, through patience, perseverance, and education, fulfilled her dream of becoming an artist. A painter by profession, Ringgold has moved away from traditional framed canvases to "tankas," paintings on quilted canvas with frames of quilted fabric. Films are shown on selected Saturdays at 11 a.m. during the run of the exhibition. No reservations are required for individuals, but please call 333-6268 for group reservations. Cost: included with Museum Admission.

2 p.m. / Public Tour: Highlights of the Permanent Collection

December 12

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2 p.m. Sunday Surprise: Life and Love of Women

Bellissima! Hampton Roads' premier women's choral ensemble directed by Deborah Carr, will present a concert of music celebrating the Life and Love of Women. The concert will reference the Permanent Collection that shows women and their life through the centuries. Following the program, join a docent-led tour of Images of Women in the Chrysler Collection. Cost: included with Museum admission.

2 p.m. Public Tour: The Quilts of Gee's Bend – Included with Museum admission.

3 p.m. Public Tour: Images of Women in the Chrysler's Collection – Included with Museum admission.

December 15 (Open until 9 p.m. by voluntary contribution)

12:30 p.m. / Gallery Chat: Art of the African Continent

Cairo, Timbuktu, Mali – the names conjure exotic images of colorful and faraway places. A Museum docent will lead you through the African and Egyptian galleries, making stops to examine drums, masks, statues, jewelry, and sarcophagi. From intricate wood carvings

to hieroglyphics, the arts of Africa are as rich and varied as the continent from which they come.

2 p.m. / Public Tour: Highlights of the Permanent Collection

6:15 – 8:45 p.m. / The Art of Jazz with Anna Gunn – in Huber Court.

7 p.m. Public Tour: Highlights of the Permanent Collection

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December 22

6:15 – 8:45 p.m. / The Art of Jazz with Reggie Gist – in Huber Court.

December 24

The Museum and Historic Houses will close at 2 p.m. on Christmas Eve Day.

December 25

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December 26

2 p.m. / Public Tour: Highlights of the Permanent Collection – Included with Museum admission.

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December 29

10 a.m. – 9 p.m. / Community Quilting Bee

You are invited to be a part of the Community Quilting Bee. Participants will assemble the squares created by Museum visitors throughout the run of The Quilts of Gee's Bend into multiple quilts. The resulting quilts will travel to local schools, libraries, and cultural organizations for display in 2005 – 06, finally to be donated to the Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters in Norfolk for use in incubators, cribs, and waiting areas. Cost: free and open to the public. For more information, please call 333-6268.

2 p.m. / Public Tour: The Quilts of Gee's Bend

6:15 – 8:45 p.m. / The Art of Jazz with Sonya Lorelle – in Huber Court.

December 30

12 p.m. / HolidayFest! One World, Many Celebrations

Bring the family and join in song, dance, and the festivity of a global celebration. Learn about holiday history and traditions, create your own decorative work of art, and snap your fingers to a myriad of holiday sounds. The Chrysler celebrates HolidayFest! 2004 with seasonal observances of the Americas, Asia, and Europe. Cost: included with Museum admission.

It's HOLIDAY TIME at d'Art Center!

d'ART SMART - This holiday season, the d'ART Center kicks off **d'ART SMART**, an initiative to provide **Art Supplies** to deserving youth. For Over 10 years, the d'ART Center has provided art instruction to under-served children and at-risk teens, witnessing first hand that Success with Art contributes to Success with Life. This year, with your help, even more children can benefit from Art. Please help buy bringing unwrapped art

supplies to the d'ART Center when you visit our HOLIDAY GIFT SHOP, open Nov. 20 - Jan 2. For more information call 625-4211.

November 20 - January 2 ~ d'ART Holiday Gift Shop – Come see the Holiday decorations and shop the Front and Main Galleries for a wonderful selection of one-of-a-kind gift items created by over 50 artists. The **d'ART SMART** Art Supply Donation Center and the d'ART Center Holiday Gift Shop will be open through out the Holidays, Tues – Sat 10-6:00 pm and Sundays 1-5pm.

December 4 ~ Holiday Gift Mart I – 11:00-4pm - *It is a d'ART Center Open House!* Come shop as Artist's display additional unique artwork for sale. Enjoy a Food Tasting demonstration provided by the Junior League of Virginia Beach, from 1-4:00pm. Betsy Rivers demonstrates Gingerbread House Making, 1-3:00pm. Refreshments and entertainment will be on hand!

December 11 ~ Holiday Gift Mart II – 11:00-4pm -*Shopping days are winding down!* Lampwork Bead artist Cathy Jo Ramsey and Blown Glass artist John Quillan display additional unique artwork for sale. Yvonne Wilson Boone demonstrates Watercolor Painting 1-3:00pm. Refreshments and entertainment will be on hand!

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Admission is Free. Open to the Public: Tues- Sat 10:00 - 6:00pm and Sunday 1:00-5:00pm. d'ART Center 125 College Place, Norfolk VA. For more information please call 625-4211 or visit our website www.d-artcenter.org

GENERAL DOUGLAS MACARTHUR MEMORIAL

From Manila to Peking: Asian Treasures from the MacArthur Collection. The MacArthur Memorial will unveil a new exhibit this March. The exhibit, called From Manila to Peking: Asian Treasures from the MacArthur Collections, features Asian art and artifacts drawn from the MacArthur Memorial's permanent collection and provides a rare opportunity to view an eclectic collection of never-before-seen artifacts.

Sponsored by the General Douglas MacArthur Foundation, the exhibition brings together outstanding examples of indigenous art from East Asia and elegantly demonstrates how the MacArthurs played a role in the lives of well known historical figures.

Highlights include an array of Philippine wood sculptures, cloisonné, beautifully painted screens, antique ivory figures, lacquered chests and other objects d'art. In addition, a collection of Kutani, Imari, Celadon and Satsuma porcelain will be featured.

From Manila to Peking: Asian Treasures from the MacArthur Collection will run until February 28, 2005.

The MacArthur Memorial is open Monday through Saturday from 10am to 5pm and on Sunday from 11am to 5pm. The museum is closed on New Year's Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Admission is free. For more information, call 757.441.2965 or visit macarthurmemoial.org

HERMITAGE FOUNDATION MUSEUM

WITHIN OUR BORDERS - THE VIRGINIA LANDSCAPE

will be on exhibition at The Hermitage Foundation Museum, 7637 North Shore Road in Norfolk through November 21, 2004

WITHIN OUR BORDERS - THE VIRGINIA LANDSCAPE is an exhibition of painting and other media by Virginia artists from all corners of the State of Virginia. These nationally and internationally known artists were chosen for their affinity for the natural world and their intense interaction with it.

Landscape is an aspect of art that gives people an appreciation of nature and man's place in it, and these fifteen artists beautifully share their perceptions of their piece of the world. Admission to the exhibition is free.

Hours for the art gallery are Monday through Saturday, 10AM to 5PM; and Sunday, 1 to 5PM.

Call 423-2052 for further information.

HURRAH PLAYERS

HOLIDAYS IN VIRGINIA

December 10, 2004 - 7:00 PM

December 11, 2004 - 3:00 PM

December 12, 2004 - 3:00 PM

THE BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER AND HAPPY HANUKKAH MY FRIEND

December 11, 2004 - 7:00 PM

AMAZING GRACE

February 18, 2005 - 7:00 PM

February 19, 2005 - 3:00 PM

February 20, 2005 - 3:00 PM

WILLIE WONKA AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

March 18, 2005 - 7:00 PM

March 19, 2005 - 3:00 PM

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March 26, 2005 - 3:00 PM

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March 27, 2005 - 3:00 PM

JACK AND THE BEANSTALK

May 20, 2005 - 7:00 PM

May 21, 2005 - 3:00 PM

May 22, 2005 - 3:00 PM

FOOTLOOSE

July 29, 2005 - 7:00 PM

July 30, 2005 - 3:00 PM

July 31, 2005 - 300 PM

All shows are performed at the TCC Roper Center on Granby Street in Norfolk. Tickets are \$10, \$15 and \$20. Call 627-5437 or visit www.hurrahplayers.com for more information.

LIBRARIES

Library Inspires Philosophical Thoughts in Teens with Club- The Socrates Cafe'.

Believing, like Socrates that the "unexamined life is not worth living," St. Leo University philosophy professor Rebecca Hubble is facilitating a philosophy club for kids at Lafayette Branch Library. Many middle school students are flocking to this new exciting program and gaining critical thinking skills that will help them cope in today's world.

The group has pondered many philosophical questions and taken journeys through discussions. Topics discussed have ranged from truth and wisdom to traditions and friendship. The group meets Thursdays at 4:00 p.m. For more information, call Lafayette Branch Library at 441-2842.

Christmas Crafts. 3:30 p.m., Wednesday, December 1, 8, 15, 22. Visit the Larchmont Branch Library and create hand-made items for the holidays. Design a card one week, make an ornament another or create a gift the next week. The holidays are for caring and sharing and brightening someone's day with gifts from the heart. Age Groups: Family. Larchmont Branch Library, 6525 Hampton Blvd. 757-441-5335

Family Night-Crafting Presents. 6:00 p.m., Thursday, December 2. Join us for an evening of crafts you can give as holiday gifts! Age Groups: Family, All Ages. Park Place Branch Library, 620 West 29th Street. 757-664-7330

Celebrating Children's Literature- Candles Light the Way. 10:30 a.m., Friday, December 3. We'll celebrate the holidays in different time periods and discover interesting customs, foods, and decorations. Age Groups: Adults. Kirn Memorial Library, 301 East City Hall Avenue. 757-664-7323

Holiday Storytime at MacArthur. 10:00 a.m., Wednesdays, December 8, 15, 22. Share some holiday stories in the Center Court at MacArthur Center Mall before doing your shopping. Storytimes will be held December 8, 15, and 22. Age Groups: Preschool. Kirn Memorial Library, 301 East City Hall Avenue. 757-664-7323

Something in the Kitchen Smells Yummy! 4:00 p.m., Thursday, December 9. Help us make a house for our gingerbread boys and girls. There will surely be plenty of gumdrops and peppermints to go around! Age Groups: School Age. Pretlow Branch Library, 9640 Granby Street. 757-441-1750

Ho, Ho, Ho, Meet Santa. 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 15. Join us for Christmas stories and a visit from Santa Claus. For this Holiday Celebration bring your Camera for a picture with Santa. Age Groups: Family, All Ages. Van Wyck Branch Library, 1368 DeBree Avenue. 757-441-2844

All Aboard for the Polar Express! 10:30 a.m., Thursday, December 16. Catch the Christmas Spirit today at our Special Holiday Storytime. "The Polar Express" and other enchanting yule time stories await you. A Special Holiday video is included in the program. Age Groups: Preschool. Little Creek Branch Library, 7853 Tarpon Place. 757-441-1751

The Holiday Season is Here! 11:00 a.m., Thursday, December 16. Enjoy our holiday stories and music, then celebrate the company of friends at our party! Age Groups: Preschool. Pretlow Branch Library, 9640 Granby Street. 757-441-1750

Lafayette Library's Third Grand Illumination. 6:30 p.m., Thursday, December 16. Come sip some cider and have cookies with us as we light our luminaries and enjoy the beautifully glorious site of our decorated walkways. It's a very special night at our library! We'll be singing carols on our front porch, listening to beautiful holiday music, with an added bonus ... a special visit from Santa! Bring the entire family and your cameras, take time out from your busy holiday schedule to sit down, and enjoy a relaxing hour at our Lafayette branch. We'd love to have you join us! Age Groups: Family. Lafayette Branch Library, 1610 Cromwell Drive. 757-441-2842

Hands on Holiday Activities. 3:00 p.m., Saturday, December 18. Kids, come to the library for an hour of holidays hoopla. Make it and take it, but please don't break it. Age Groups: Preschool, School Age. Jordan-Newby Branch Library, 961 Park Avenue. 757-441-2843

Larchmont Book Club. 3:00 p.m., Monday, December 20. The Larchmont Book Club will meet and discuss Jan Karon's SHEPHERDS ABIDING. Refreshments will be served. Age Groups: Adults. Larchmont Branch Library, 6525 Hampton Blvd. 757-441-5335

Tis the Season to be Jolly! 6:30 p.m., Monday, December 20. Catch the Holiday Spirit at tonight's Free Program, which includes stories, music, a special holiday film and refreshments. The captivating film "On Christmas Eve" highlight tonight's program. Age Groups: Family. Little Creek Branch Library, 7853 Tarpon Place. 757-441-1751

What is Kwanzaa? 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 21. Learn about Kwanzaa with stories and crafts @ the library. Age Groups: School Age. Barron F. Black Homework Center, 6700 E. Tanners Creek Drive. 757-441-5806

Santa Visits Blyden. 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 21. Just in case you thought you missed Santa, he will be appearing at Blyden library. Oh yes, bring you list, because he is checking it twice. Age Groups: All Ages. Blyden Branch Library, 879 East Princess Anne Road. 757-441-2852

A Kwanzaa Event - Celebration Dance: West African Workshop. 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 28. Celebrate African heritage with the Suwabi African Dance performers from Young Audiences of Virginia. Lead dancer Ofosuwa Abiola offers experiential approach to learning through procession, call and response, and the drum call as students learn the Celebration Dance. Discover the traditions and customs of West Africa as we observe Kwanzaa. Age Groups: School Age, Teens. Lafayette Branch Library, 1610 Cromwell Drive. 757-441-2842

Hanukkah Tales. 10:00 AM, Wed, Dec 8. Runaway and Borrowed Latkes for Hanukkah Age Groups: Preschool. Jordan-Newby Branch Library, 961 Park Avenue. 757-441-2843

Hanukkah Fun: Love Those Latkes. 11:15 AM, Wed, Dec 8. What's a latke? You won't want to miss our morning of Hanukkah fun as we kickoff this year's Hanukkah celebration with stories about yummy latkes. (This event is for 3 - 5 year olds.) Age Groups: Preschool. Lafayette Branch Library, 1610 Cromwell Drive. 757-441-2842

Hanukkah Tales. 10:30 AM, Thu, Dec 9. Runaway and Borrowed Latkes for Hanukkah Age Groups: Preschool. Jordan-Newby Branch Library, 961 Park Avenue. 757-441-2843

Happy Hanukkah. 11:00 AM, Thu, Dec 9. The tale of the Magic Dreidels! Age Groups: Preschool. Van Wyck Branch Library, 1368 DeBree Avenue. 757-441-2844

NORFOLK ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER Holiday CRAFTernoons are Back!

Looking for a fun after-school activity to do with your child during the holiday season? Join the Norfolk Environmental Center as we present Holiday *CRAFT*ernoons – a workshop just for kids!

During the first full week of December (6-10), from 3:00 – 5:00pm, kids ages 5-12 are welcome to stop by the Ernie Morgan Environmental Action Center to create a gift from recycled/reusable materials. Ornaments, vases, picture frames and more are all part of the list of available items to be created by your son or daughter.

Light refreshments will be provided. The event is free and open to the public. A parent or guardian must attend children for the duration of their visit. For more information, contact Holly Carson at 441-1347 or holly.carson@norfolk.gov.

NAUTICUS

Throughout December (Saturdays and Sundays)

Santa Through Time. At selected times, learn how Santa has “played” and navigated through time – reindeer and all!

Saturday, December 4, 8:30 a.m.

Breakfast with Santa. Enjoy a great breakfast, take pictures with Santa, get a holiday goodie bag and more! Plus Radio Disney AM 1650 will be on hand with fun and exciting contests and prizes. After breakfast, explore the new Playing with Time exhibit. Admission is \$4 for Nauticus members; \$8 for the general public. Prepayment is required. Space is limited. Call (757) 664-1017 for reservations.

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1 p.m. / Holiday Program: Holidays Along the Cannonball Trail

December 5

Several of Norfolk's downtown historic sites will host this free afternoon of holiday sights and sounds from Norfolk's colorful past, including the Moses Myers House. Tours, music, living-history characters, and decorations will enhance the historic surroundings dating from the 18th, 19th, and 20th centuries. Maps of the Cannonball Trail and refreshments will be available at the Freemason Street Reception Center. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, please call 441-1526.

2 – 5 p.m. / Sunday Afternoon Quilting Bee

Every Sunday during the run of The Quilts of Gee's Bend, Museum visitors may create their own 12 × 12 inch squares that will become a part of the Chrysler's Community Quilt. No experience is necessary. For more information please call 333-6283.

2 p.m. / Public Tour: Photography Speaks – Included with Museum admission

6th Annual Olde Towne Holiday Music Festival

(part of Holidays in the Cities)

Saturday, December 13, 2003

12:00 Noon to 7:00 P.M

The City of Portsmouth will play host to its sixth annual Olde Towne Holiday Music Festival on Saturday, December 13th as part of Holidays in the City. The event received the Governor's Travel & Tourism 2001 Award for "On-Going Event of the Year" and also received recognition for its *"outstanding performance and contributions to the tourism industry in the Commonwealth."*

Portsmouth celebrates Holidays in the City with the best of local & regional music groups, choirs & musicians featured in venues along Olde Towne High Street. This musical Tribute to the spirit of the holiday season is always well-attended by families from all over the Hampton Roads community. Come enjoy bonfires, street entertainers, children's activities and a variety of musical performances. Shops will be open late & museums will be free during the festival.

8:30 - 10:30 a.m. Breakfast with Santa at Roger Brown's Restaurant, 316 High Street,

featuring Santa and Mrs. Claus, Santa's Elves, costumed characters, photos with Santa and Christmas movies on a big-screen television. Call for ticket information, 757-393-5377.

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. "Holidays Around the World" at the Children's Museum of Virginia, 221 High Street, featuring hands-on activities celebrating Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, the harvest festivals of Asia and holiday customs from Native America, England, Africa, Russia and South America.

12 Noon – 7:00 p.m. FREE entertainment along the first seven blocks of High Street featuring strolling carolers, musicians, costumed characters, bonfires and refreshments. PLUS, visit the Children's Christmas Shoppe at Trinity Episcopal Church, view the spectacular Gingerbread House at the Renaissance Portsmouth Hotel and enjoy the Olde Towne Candlelight Home Tour.

For additional information, call Ports Events at 757.393.9933 or visit www.portsevents.com.

NAUTICUS

JOIN OUR TEAM!

Nauticus, the National Maritime Center, is looking for volunteers; ages 14 and up. We also are interested in senior/retired adults who would enjoy giving back to the community volunteering for a few hours a week. Nauticus has volunteer opportunities such as: Cruise ship, Education, Aquarium, and volunteering in the gift shop. If interested please call: 664-1043, or e-mail Barbara.weingartner@norfolk.gov

December 2004

Calendar of Exhibitions, Events, & Programs

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Programs & Events

Saturday, November 6, 2 – 3:30 p.m.

Time of Your Life Family Workshop. Learn about the history of time, what affects time, and how we use time in our everyday lives. We’ll have fun activities such as: discovering your own family timeline, creating a sundial, competing in timed contests, and more! \$5 for members; \$8 for non-members; children age 3 and under are free.

Saturday, November 20, 5:30 p.m.

Members’-only Grand Illumination Parade & Dinner. Enjoy holiday refreshments, make & takes, picture taking with Santa, and face painting, and then enjoy the parade starting at 7 p.m. from Nauticus’ front court. Fee. Call (757) 664-1014.

Saturday, November 27, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Native-American Heritage Month Program. Come celebrate with and meet Native-Americans from local tribes! Enjoy a mini pow-wow with drumming, see rare artifacts, tribal dress, and more.

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Ongoing Programs & Events

Saturday & Sunday, 1 p.m.

Eco Exploration. Discover plants and animals in our own waterway, The Elizabeth River, during this 30-minute hands-on discovery walk! Learn about biological conditions by collecting water and aquatic specimen samples. Plus, learn more about river ecology and the Chesapeake Bay.

Weekdays, 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday, 11:30 a.m. (Sat. only), 1:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m.

Shark Touch. What does a shark's skin feel like? If you're daring, you can find out at Nauticus' Shark Petting Lagoon, where you can touch the back of a warm-water Nurse Shark. Sharks in the Lagoon vary in length from two to three feet.

Weekdays, 3:30 p.m.; Saturday & Sunday, 3 p.m.

Grando Electro Show. Experience the science of static electricity, sparks, and electrical charges in a safe and controlled manner. You'll get a "charge" out of it!

Saturday & Sunday, 12:45 and 2:45 p.m.

Kiddie Tidepool and Storytime. Geared toward early learners, this program explores the ecology of the Elizabeth River. Plus, enjoy a special reading of a maritime-related story.

Saturday & Sunday; Noon

Battle Blast. Have a "blast" during Nauticus' newest science demonstration! Created in conjunction with the USS *Wisconsin*, this program investigates the science and technology behind the battleship and explores force, ballistics, density and combustion through a variety of hands-on experiments.

Weekdays, 1:30 p.m.; Saturday & Sunday, 11a.m. & 4 p.m.

CoolScience. Liquids boiling without a stove! Gases turning into liquid! Balloons exploding with bright flashes of light and heat! These are a few of the amazing hands-on experiments you can see in this program sponsored in-part by BOC Gases.

Saturday, 10:30 a.m.

Shark Feeding. Watch Nauticus' live sharks eat as you learn about shark behavior and ecology!

Saturday & Sunday, 2 p.m.

Weather Wonders.

Large-Format Films

Daily; selected times

The Living Sea. This large-format film celebrates the world ocean - its beauty, diversity and importance to all life on Earth. Swim with thousands of golden jellyfish and witness the bizarre spawning behavior of giant clams. Surf in Hawaii, deep-sea dive in Palau and test your courage with the Coast Guard in some of the world's roughest seas! Follow a Remotely Operated Vehicle 3,000 feet down through the ocean depths to view strange creatures (one as long as a football field!), which live where sunlight never penetrates.

Daily; selected times

The Last Battleship: USS Wisconsin

Discover why the Battleship *Wisconsin* is one of the most unique battleships in the world. Experience the excitement and nostalgia as some of the world's largest guns fire from the deck for the last time. This half-hour documentary, produced by Wisconsin Public Television, chronicles the life of the Battleship *Wisconsin*, defines its unique place in history and profiles the courageous men who went to war on its decks.

NEIGHBORHOOD AND LEISURE SERVICES

Bayview Recreation Center (441-1626)

“Give Thanks”, 6:00pm, ages Open, Thursday, November 19
Community Holiday Celebration, 6:00pm, ages Open, Thursday, December 16

Berkley Recreation Center (441-1912)

Teen Pool Tournament, 6:00pm, ages 13-17, Thursday, November 18
Tree Trimming Party, 4:00pm, ages 5-12, Wednesday, December 1
Lunch with Santa, 11:00am, ages 5-12, Saturday, December 18
Pre-New Year Celebration, 4:00pm, ages 5-12, Thursday, December 30

Campostella Recreation Center (441- 1974)

Thanksgiving Dinner, 4:00pm, ages 5-17, Monday, November 29
Holiday Food Drive, 4:00pm, ages 5-17, Wednesday, December 22

Captain’s Quarters (441-1715)

Veterans’ Day Card Making, 4:00pm, ages 5-17, Tuesday, November 9
Community Thanksgiving Dinner, 4:00pm, ages Open, Tuesday, November 23
Trim-A-Tree Party, 4:00pm, ages 5-12, Wednesday, December 1
Rock Climbing Trip, 9:00am, ages 9-16, Saturday, December 11
Fee required, please contact the center for details!

Crossroads Recreation Center (441-1769)

Veterans’ Day Presentation, 4:00pm, ages 5-17, Wednesday, November 10
Turkey Shoot, 6:00pm, ages 13 and up, Wednesday, November 17
Fee required, please contact the center for details!
Tree Trimming Party, 4:30pm, ages 5-12, Friday, December 3
Holiday Kids Night Out, 4:00pm, ages 5-12, Friday, December 10
Fee required, please contact the center for details!

East Ocean View (441-1785)

Thanksgiving Gala, 4:30pm, ages Open, Thursday, November 18
Holiday Dinner with Santa, 4:30pm, ages Open, Friday, December 17

Fairlawn Recreation Center (441-5670)

Mock Election/Kid Voting, 7:00am, ages 5-17, Tuesday, November 2
Veterans' Day Program, 5:00pm, ages 5-17, Wednesday, November 10
Thanksgiving Dinner and Play, 4:00PM, ages Open, Wednesday, November 24
Registration required, please call the center for details!
Tree Lighting Ceremony, 4:30pm, ages 5-17, Wednesday, December 1
Holiday Caroling, 6:00pm, ages 5-17, Friday, December 17
Breakfast with Santa, 9:00am, ages Open, Saturday, December 18
Fee required, please contact the center for details!
Children's Holiday Party, 4:00pm, ages 5-12, Tuesday, December 21

Huntsville Neighborhood Service Center

The Huntersville Coalition will be sponsoring its annual Kwanzaa celebration on Wednesday, December 29, 2004, from 12:00 noon-2:00 p.m. at the Huntersville Neighborhood Service Center, 830 Goff Street. All are invited to come out and enjoy a day of fellowship with neighbors and friends.

Ingleside Recreation Center (441-5675)

Veterans' Day Appreciation, 4:00pm, ages 5-12, Wednesday, November 10
Teen Holiday Social, 6:00pm, ages 13-17, Wednesday, November 24
Holiday Caroling and Decorating, 3:30pm, ages 5-12, Friday, December 10
Youth Holiday Shopping Trip, 4:00pm, ages 5-12, Monday, December 20
Registration required, please call the center for details!
Teen Holiday Party, 6:00pm, ages 13-17, Wednesday, December 22
Youth Holiday Party, 4:30pm, ages 5-12, Thursday, December 23

Larchmont Recreation Center (441- 5411)

Thanksgiving Social, 3:30pm, ages 5-14, Monday, November 22
AIDS Awareness, 3:30pm, ages 5-14, Wednesday, December 1
Holiday Celebration, 4:00pm, ages 5-14, Friday, December 17

Merrimack Recreation Center (441-1783)

Thanksgiving Festival, 6:00pm, ages Open, Monday, November 22
Community Holiday Celebration, 5:00pm, ages Open, Friday, December 17

Norview Recreation Center

Winter Social and Games, 4:00pm, ages 5-12, Friday, December 3

Holiday Party, 4:00pm, ages 5-12, Tuesday, December 21

Park Place Recreation Center (664-7531)

Thanksgiving Dinner, 6:30pm, age Open, Wednesday, November 24

Christmas Holiday Celebration, 1200pm, ages 5-18, Saturday, December 11

Registration required, please contact the center for details!

Sherwood Recreation Center (441-5824)

Thanksgiving Gathering, 5:00pm, ages Open, Wednesday, November 24

Holiday Night Out, 7:00pm, ages 6- 14, Friday, December 17

Registration and a fee required, please contact the center for details!

Tarrallton Recreation Center (441-1765)

Tarrallton Advisory Annual Holiday Bazaar, 9:00am to 5:00pm, Saturday November 6
and 1:00pm to 5:00pm Sunday November 7

Arts and crafts, food, fun and prizes!

Thanksgiving Breakfast, 7:30am, ages 5-12, Monday, November 22

Pre-registration and fee required, please call the center for details!

Breakfast with Santa, 9:30am, ages Open, Saturday, December 4

Please bring three (3) can goods for participation or a \$3.00 donation is requested!

Please call the center for additional details!

Titustown Recreation Center (441-1259)

Community Thanksgiving Dinner, 6:00 pm, ages Open, Thursday, November 18

Voices of Norfolk Concert, 7:00pm ages Open, Tuesday, November 23

Christmas Around the World, 6:30pm, ages 5-12, Wednesday, December 15

Breakfast with Santa, 9:30am, ages 5-12, Saturday, December 18

Young Terrace Recreation Center (441-2692)

Holiday Shop Till You Drop Trip, 4:30pm, ages 13-18, Monday, November 29

Space limited, please call the center to register!

Youth Holiday Social, 6:30pm, ages 12-18, Wednesday, December 8

Holiday Dinner, 5:00pm, ages 13 and up, Thursday, December 23

Registration required, please contact the center for details!

Titustown Visual Arts Hosts New Show! The Paul Street Gallery at Titustown Recreation and Visual Arts Center will present a new show, *The Viewfinder*, which will open on Sunday November 7, 2004 and will run through Sunday, December 12, 2004. Maggie McGeorge will present 25 outstanding digital photographs and George Pearce will present his personal collection of Nicaraguan pottery. The opening reception will be held Sunday, November 7, 2004 at the Visual Arts Center at Titustown from 5-7 p.m.

Oceanview Senior Center Activities

Regular Events:

Wednesdays

60+ Club Business Meeting 11:00a.m.

Featuring Card games, BINGO, Ballroom Dancing, Hot Meal

Thursdays

Line Dancing Class 11:00a.m.

Tuesdays

Square Dancing 6:30p.m.

Fridays

Square Dancing 10:30a.m.

Mon-Fri

Nutrition Program 10:00a.m

Staff Assistance is provided each month to permit groups such as civic groups, Tidewater Appalachian Trail Club and Mayors Task Force.

Special Announcements

All recreational facilities will be closed on November 11 in observation of Veterans' Day.

NORFOLK ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Dirty Dancing to Keep Norfolk Clean & Beautiful!

Help celebrate 25 years of Keeping Norfolk Clean by attending The Norfolk Environmental Commission's "**Trashy**" Dinner Dance. Festivities will take place 6:30-

9:30pm on Saturday, November 6, at Nauticus. Attendees, dressed in their best retro and consignment chic, can “dirty dance” to the sounds of local band DC-3! Bob Batcher, host of Norfolk Perspectives, will be the evening’s Emcee.

Old Dominion University will be presented with Most Outstanding Friend of Norfolk’s Environment by Norfolk Environmental Commission Chairman A. James English and Friends of Norfolk’s Environment President Charles Fleetwood. President Rosanne Runte will accept on behalf of the University. ODU qualifies for the title for many reasons. Here are a few:

- ◆ The Engineering and Computational Sciences Building is the first LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certified higher education building in Virginia. The new building meets certification requirements by using various techniques to be a sustainable site, exemplifying water efficiency, saving energy, using renewable building materials, and ensuring indoor environmental quality.
- ◆ The University is involved in a wetland restoration project with The Elizabeth River Project at the mouth of a storm water drainage canal on campus.
- ◆ The University is taking steps to reduce the discharge of pollutants from their small municipal separate storm sewer system to protect water quality and satisfy water quality requirements of the Clean Water Act and the State Water Control Law.
- ◆ All incoming freshman will be required to take a new global environmental course, titled, “New Portal to Appreciating our Global Environment (NewPAGE).

The benefit will culminate with a performance by national Eco-Illusionist, Steve Trash. "Garbage is pretty fascinating to me," he says. "It's anything you've decided isn't valuable any more, even though it was worthwhile to you 20 minutes ago... 60 percent of my props are still stuff I've found in the garbage." (New York Times)

To add to the evening, the planning process for the expanding the Ernie Morgan Environmental Action Center, to be designed by the Richmond group *Watershed*, will be presented for the first time. The expansion project will increase and enhance environmental education, community partnerships, and demonstrate green building stewardship.

Two ticket options are available: Dinner & Show, 6:30pm - \$50per person, and Show Only, 7:30pm - \$25 per person. Proceeds benefit environmental education in Norfolk. For ticket information, contact 441-1347, or by e-mail at nec@norfolkbeautiful.org.

Holiday *CRAFT*ernoons are Back!

Looking for a fun after-school activity to do with your child during the holiday season? Join the NEC as we present Holiday *CRAFT*ernoons – a workshop just for kids!

During the first full week of December (6-10), from 3:00 – 5:00pm, kids ages 5-12 are welcome to stop by the Ernie Morgan Environmental Action Center to create a gift from recycled/reusable materials. Ornaments, vases, picture frames and more are all part of the list of available items to be created by your son or daughter.

Light refreshments will be provided. The event is free and open to the public. A parent or guardian must attend children for the duration of their visit. For more information, contact Holly Carson at 441-1347 or holly.carson@norfolk.gov.

OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY

"The Human Experience" Film Series

"The Human Experience" is a film series presented by Old Dominion University Multicultural Student Services. It offers an observation, not a critique, of the human struggle to survive and find resolution within one's own society, regardless of demographics. Each film is introduced by a member of the student-faculty community, providing greater insight into understanding the social context of the film and its relevance to our own life experiences.

All films are free and open to the public and will be presented in Mills-Godwin Building, Room 102 at 8:00pm. Dates, times, and film titles are subject to change. Food provided by Aramark Dining Services and Coca-Cola.

Multicultural Student Services
2109 Webb Center
Phone: (757) 683-4406
<http://www.odu.edu/mss>

The Pianist
November 1

To Live
November 8

In America
January 24

Rosewood
February 7

The Magdalene Sisters
March 14

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Katherine Huntoon, Gallery Director
Old Dominion University, Visual Art Bldg., Room 203
Norfolk, VA 23529
757.683.2355 <http://www.odu.edu/al/art/gallery/index.html>

TIDEWATER ARTISTS ASSOCIATION

Tidewater Artists Association presents:

**“Back on the Block”
at d’Art Center
125 College Place
Norfolk, VA 23510
Now – November 7, 2004**

This juried members exhibition is named “Back on the Block” to celebrate a revived relationship between TAA and d’Art Center, and is not necessarily meant to the theme of the show. The juror will be Trudy van Dyke, director of the Torpedo Factory in Alexandria. Awards will be given out for Best in Show, Award of Excellence, Award of Merit and Honorable Mention.

Exhibition Chairman: Rieneke Leenders (757) 499-0873

TIDEWATER COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Tidewater Community College's Theatre Department will produce John Keane's play, *The Field*, on Nov. 11, 12 and 13 in Norfolk at the Roper Performing Arts Center.

The Field is a fierce and tender study of an Irish farmer's passionate relationship with a small parcel of land and the ruthless lengths he will go to obtain the object of his desire. During the course of the play, the drama explores various relationships between characters, the law and the church. Most of the action takes place in Mick Flannagan's small Irish pub. The play, first published in 1967, became an Oscar-nominated film adaptation in 1990 starring Richard Harris, John Hurt, Brenda Fricker and Tom Berenger. Keane was one of Ireland's most prolific literary figures of the 20th century - a playwright, poet, novelist, essayist and ballad writer. His massive volumes include 18 plays and 32 works of prose and poetry.

TCC Jeanne and George Roper Performing Arts Center, Norfolk

Nov. 11, 12, 13 at 8: p.m.

Tickets for all Roper performances will be sold at the door. Reservations are not required. For ticket reservations and additional information, call 822-5245 or TCC's Information Center, 822-1122. Ticket prices are \$7 for adults, \$5 for students and two for \$5 for TCC students.

TCC Presents Assemblage of Modern International Films

TCC's International Film Festival opens Nov. 12 and runs through Nov. 19 with all films free and open to the public. Films on display at the Norfolk Campus - Jeanne and George Roper Performing Arts Center, as listed below.

VALENTIN (Sueño de Valentín, El) (Argentina) Wednesday, Nov. 17, 5:30 p.m.

Roper Performing Arts Center

Valentin is a coming-of-age story told through the eyes of a precocious 10-year-old boy who lives with his grandmother in turbulent 1969 Argentina. Estranged from his eccentric parents, young Valentin yearns for a real family and dreams about being an astronaut. He befriends a recluse neighbor, forms an unlikely friendship with one of his father's many ex-girlfriends and sets out to discover the harsh realities about his parents, all the while bringing joy and wisdom into the lives of the adults around him. 86 Minutes Rated PG-13 for some thematic elements and language. In Spanish with English Subtitles.

BON VOYAGE (France) Wednesday, Nov. 17 - 7:30 p.m. Roper Performing Arts

Center. Gérard Depardieu, Isabelle Adjani and Peter Coyote star in this smart, sophisticated farce. At the start of World War II, the fate of the free world hangs in the balance at the posh Hotel Splendide in Bordeaux. Cabinet members, journalists, physicists and spies of all persuasions gather in order to escape the Nazi occupation of Paris. Murderous intrigues, scientific secrets and love affairs flourish while a young man must choose between a beautiful diva and an impassioned student, between politicians and hoodlums, between carefree youth and adulthood. 114 Minutes, Rated PG-13 for some violence In French with English Subtitles.

The festival is sponsored by the TCC International Programs Office, TCC Virginia Beach Campus Student Activities Office, TCC College-wide Student Activities Office, and TCC Instructional Technology/Audiovisual Services.

For more information contact TCC's Information Center at 822-1122, or TCC's International Programs Office, www.tcc.edu/academics/programs/ipo.

VIRGINIA STAGE COMPANY

With something for everyone, the upcoming season promises to be the most exiting yet! Season tickets are now on sale, and they are going quickly. The following is our line-up for the 26th season:

Yellowman, by Dael Orlandersmith

Now-November 7, 2004

Can love conquer all? This arresting drama explores the emotional destructiveness of racism in the African-American community. Two childhood friends dream about reinventing themselves, but there are painful lessons to be learned about how skin tone can divide the closest of communities. We quickly find that the racism from within can be almost as destructive as the racism from without.

A Christmas Carol, by Charles Dickens and adapted by David McCann

December 5-December 23, 2004

Back by popular demand! Dickens' classic story of Ebenezer Scrooge and his encounters with the ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future has entertained and enlightened thousands of our patrons, teaching us the true meaning of the holiday season. Share your family's holiday celebration with our family this season.

Driving Miss Daisy, by Alfred Uhry

January 16-February 6, 2005

It is 1948 in Atlanta. Boolie tells his very self-sufficient mother that she has become too old to drive. *Driving Miss Daisy* chronicles the 25-year relationship between the sharp-tongued Jewish widow and Hoke, her black chauffeur, charting their course from mutual disdain to interdependence and affection.

Vincent in Brixton, by Nicholas Wright

February 27-March 20, 2005

We all know Van Gogh's sunflowers and starry skies, but what experiences propelled him to his immortality? In this recent Broadway hit, we see Vincent as a young man, living in the London suburb of Brixton as a boarder in the home of a widow, Ursula Loyer. Using this historical fact as his starting point, Wright paints an intimate portrait of a love affair

between the young artist and the older woman who inspired his emotional and artistic awakening.

Treasure Island, by Robert Louis Stevenson and adapted by Timothy Mason

April 3-April 24, 2005

One of the great adventure novels of all times, Robert Lewis Stevenson's timeless story is brought to life on stage. Jim Hawkins is left with a treasure map, and hires a ship to sail to the island to find the gold. Little does he know that his ship is staffed by pirates, lead by the one-legged cook Long John Silver who plans on killing Jim and stealing the loot. With swash-buckling action on the high seas, this one promises to be a load of fun for the entire family.

BENEFITS OF SEASON TICKETS:

- *Get one play free...5 great plays for the price of 4!
- *Dining Discounts....special offers to great local restaurants
- *Family & Friends Discounts...\$5 off additional tickets for your guests
- *Easy ticket exchange in the event of a schedule conflict
- *Free replacement of lost or stolen tickets
- *Priority notice of special events

For more information about our upcoming season, or to purchase tickets, please visit www.vastage.com or call 627-1234.

NORFOLK COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

Substance Abuse

Key Facts and Stats

Substance abuse refers to alcohol abuse as well as misuse, dependence, and addiction to legal and illegal drugs.

The social cost of drug and alcohol addiction in the United States is estimated at \$294 billion per year in lost productivity and costs associated with law enforcement, health care, justice, welfare, and other programs and services.

The good news is that for every \$1 invested in addiction treatment, there is an estimated return of up to \$12 in reduced drug-related crime, criminal justice costs, theft, and health care costs.

The Workplace

Most businesses, regardless of their size, will at some point have to deal with an employee who is addicted to alcohol or drugs, because most people who are addicted to these substances are employed.

Alcohol and drug abuse is estimated to cost American businesses roughly \$81 billion a year in lost productivity alone.

- 76% of illicit drug users are employed either full- or part-time.
- 81% of binge drinkers (five or more drinks on the same occasion at least once in 30 days) in 2001 were employed full- or part-time.
- 80% of heavy drinkers (five or more drinks on the same occasion on at least five different days in the past 30 days) were employed.

Businesses can reduce the impact of alcohol and drug addiction by making a commitment to a drug-free workplace and by making it easier for employees to get help. Smaller business may not be able to provide in-house resources, but they can refer employees to appropriate local organizations such as Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, Al-Anon/Alateen, or to local treatment professionals.

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Youth

- Today over half (54%) of adolescents have tried an illicit drug by the time they finish high school.
- 80% of teenagers have consumed alcohol (more than just a few sips) by the end of high school; 51% have done so by 8th grade.
- Half of all adolescents receiving mental health services have a co-occurring substance use disorder; as many as 75%-80% of adolescents receiving inpatient substance abuse treatment have a co-existing mental disorder.

The Justice System

Nearly 1.7 million of the 2 million adult Americans in prison or jail are seriously involved with drugs or alcohol.

It is estimated that of the \$38 billion spent on corrections in 1996, more than \$30 billion was spent incarcerating individuals who had a history of drug and/or alcohol abuse, were convicted of drug and/or alcohol violations, were using drugs and/or alcohol at the time of their crimes, or had committed their crimes to get money to buy drugs.

Substance abuse treatment in prison can reduce post-release criminal activity up to 80 percent and reduce arrests up to 64%. One study found that three years after release from prison, 73% of individuals who had received such treatment had not returned to prison, while 75% of those who had not received treatment had been reincarcerated.

Co-occurring Disorders

When substance abuse and mental illness are both present, it is called a co-occurring disorder. Integrated treatment for both disorders must occur in order for successful recovery to take place.

Free Resources

- If your group or organization would like to learn more about substance abuse or other topics, please contact the Norfolk CSB Speakers Bureau at 441-5300 or go to www.norfolkcsb.org and click on Speakers Bureau
- Prevention Services, Norfolk Community Services Board – 441-5300
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's Workplace Helpline (1-800-WORKPLACE, www.workplace.samhsa.gov)
- U.S. Department of Labor's Working Partners for an Alcohol- and Drug-Free Workplace (866-4-USA-DOL, www.dol.gov/dol/workingpartners.htm)
- Institute for a Drug-Free Workplace (202-842-7400, www.drugfreeworkplace.org)
- Employee Assistance Professionals Association (EAPA) in Arlington (703-522-6272, www.sap-association.com)
- Free publications: Call 1-800-729-6686 or 1-800-487-4889 (TDD) for *A Quick Guide to Finding Effective Alcohol and Drug Addiction Treatment*, #PHD877; *You Can Help: A Guide for Caring Adults Working with Young People Experiencing Addiction in the Family*, #PHD878



**NORFOLK DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD AND LEISURE SERVICES
DIVISION OF RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**

SENIOR CITIZENS' HOLIDAY BALL

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2004
6:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.**

**TITUSTOWN RECREATION CENTER
7545 DIVEN STREET
NORFOLK, VIRGINIA 23505**



**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2004**

Please contact Jean Saunders at 441-2109 for additional information. If you have a hearing impairment, please utilize the Virginia Relay Center at 1-800-828-1120.

Individuals with a disability are entitled to participate in programs offered by the Norfolk Department of Neighborhood and Leisure Services. If you require any special accommodations, please call 441-2109 seven days prior to the event.
